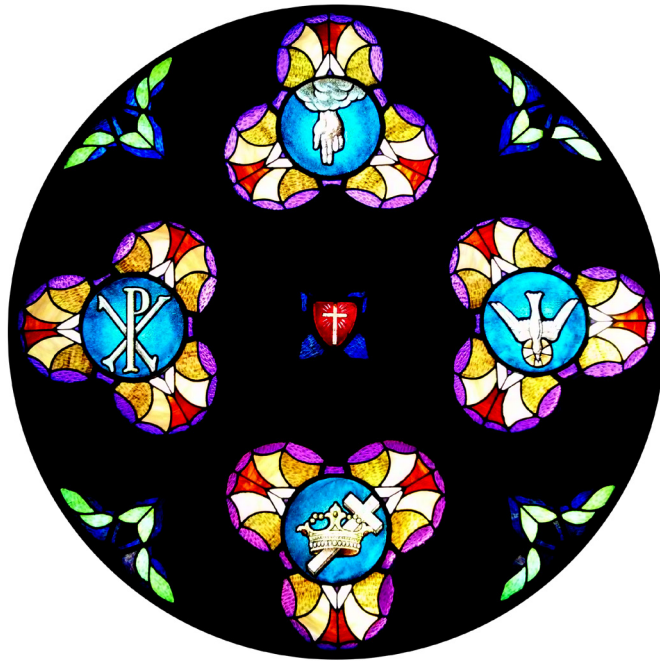


June 9, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Third Sunday after Pentecost



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Pastor: Adrian Rodriguez

Lay Leader: Matt Annen

Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

*Please silence all phones and devices.
Please fill out the Friendship Pad in your row.*

Gathering

Prelude This Is My Father's World Tae Sook Kang

The Light of Christ Emily Abam, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

Once, dear God, we could hear you walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze. Now, you call across the distance, "Where are you?" And we echo back the same question, "Where are you?" You wait and watch for us; we wait and watch for you. Help us to see beyond the temporary to the eternal so that we do not lose heart. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, help us to trust that our frailty is received into your hospitable house in the heavens. Renew us day by day until we come again into your presence, where the weight of your glory lifts us in grace and light. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Adrian Rodriguez

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

On the day I called, you answered me.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Thanks be to God!

Introit Blessed Be God Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 33 Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show LLANFAIR

§ Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you,
though you have been faithful to us.**

You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way.

**Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us
and our neighbors.**

**In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ Gloria Patri GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Proclaiming

Psalm 138

Responsive Reading

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; **before the gods I sing your praise;**
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love
and your faithfulness, **for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**
On the day I called, you answered me; **you increased my strength of soul.**
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, **for they have heard the words of your mouth.**
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, **for great is the glory of the Lord.**
For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, **but the haughty he perceives from far away.**
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, **you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;**
you stretch out your hand, **and your right hand delivers me.**
The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; **your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.**
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

New Testament page 181

Children's Time

Children, age 3 to fourth grade, are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in the 200 hallway.

Anthem

Bound for the Promised Land
Cheryl Harris and Shina Heo, piano

arr. Mack Wilberg

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.
There generous fruits that never fail on trees immortal grow;
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow.
I am bound for the promised land, O who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

O the transporting rapturous scene that rises to my sight,
sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of delight.
When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest?
I am bound for the promised land, O who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

Gospel Reading

Mark 3:20–35

New Testament page 37

Sermon

Family Matters

Adrian Rodriguez

Responding

§ Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

African Praise Choir

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and deep I feel the pain.
In prayers the holy spirit revives my soul again.
If you cannot pray like Peter if you cannot be like Paul,
Go home and tell your neighbour He died to save us all.
Give me that old time religion, it's good enough for me.
It was good for Paul and Silas, it's good enough for me.
It was good for the Hebrew children, it's good enough for me.

§ Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

Sending

§ Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, creator of all life, maker of past, present and future. Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Word of grace, and love made flesh, who came to declare good news to those in despair, to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor, to proclaim God's mercy as our hope. We believe in God's Holy Spirit, who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again, who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage, who resurrects us to new life. We believe that the Church is of God and will endure to the end of time, and calls us into a life of love and service.

§ Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

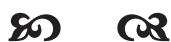
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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Gilbert Martin



Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER(S)

You're invited to the Embrace Grace Baby Shower, honoring our group's Brave Girls and their babies. It will be on June 23rd at 1 p.m. in the Parlor.

Registry instructions:

You can participate by adopting a mom/baby for the shower, purchase gifts from their registry, wrap them, and attending in the shower in person.

Please be sure to register your gifts and/or attendance for the shower. If you would like to volunteer to decorate the Parlor for the shower, or have any questions, please email steph.arredondo@att.net.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER(S)

If you are interested in an area of service at the church and could be present one hour a week or twice a month please contact Bob Watkins by text (817-360-2841) or email (businesswatkins@aol.com) to learn more or leave your number at the church office. The volunteerism has to do with restoring order to the pew racks between services. This could also be a great opportunity for our youth during summer break..

Wednesday Womens Bible Study

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the church parlor from September through May.

This group will resume Wednesday, September 11. The new study is the 2024-2025 PE/Horizons Bible Study "Let Justice Roll: God's call to care for Neighbors and All Creation." A light snack is served at each meeting. Members rotate on leading the discussion and bringing a snack. All women are invited.

Study guides will be ordered around July 15. If you have not already requested a guide, please reply to Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) and request a book. Cost is \$12 per person. When the books arrive, an email will go out stating where they may be picked up and how to pay.

Questions?

Contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com).

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 6/9	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Monday 6/10	
Tuesday 6/11	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
Wednesday 6/12	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting, etc.	10:30 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 6/13	
Worship Team Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday 6/14	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Saturday 6/15	
Embrace Grace	11:00 am

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Barbara Hughes, the family of Linda Sheldon, Lorna Snyder, Larry Spencer, Carol Browning, Jack Bos, Bettye Burdett, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Ivone Franzolin, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Charlie NIeman, Tina Paulk, Sheri Quick, Aileigh Rodriguez, Eleanor Schernbeck, Tonya Scrabeck, David Spencer, Jerry Tees, Harold Thomlinson, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble, Carlos and Jennyfer Zamora.

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Colin A. Peden, Christopher Young

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Madge Casselman, Lucy Cleaver, Barbara Hughes, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org

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