

June 16, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Fourth 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: Rev. Chris Campbell

Lay Leader: Anna Njei

Serving in Worship: Christian Women's Fellowship

Organist: Cheryl Harris

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 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise arr. Tracey McKibben

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*God, Sower of seeds, be at work among us, we pray, that your church may thrive in faithfulness.
Whether we are the size of a tall cedar or are a small sprig, it does not matter.
You are able to put us to good use. Not by our efforts, but by your power and grace we bear fruit,
produce boughs of spacious welcome. You can make even a dry tree flourish!
Even we can become a new creation! Urge us on, then, in the love of Christ.
In his name we pray. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, **to sing praise to God most high;**
To declare God’s steadfast love in the morning, **and God’s faithfulness at nighttime.**
Those who are planted in the house of the Lord flourish;
No matter their age, they bear fruit and remain lush and fresh,
Proclaiming: The Lord is righteous! **God is my rock!**

Introit

Happy Is the Man

CWF

§ Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

§ Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.
Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around.
Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work.
Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes—
fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation;
beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs;
building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests.
Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith.
In Christ’s name we pray. 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 20

Responsive Reading

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! **The name of the God of Jacob protect you!**
May he send you help from the sanctuary **and give you support from Zion.**
May he remember all your offerings **and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.**
May he grant you your heart's desire **and fulfill all your plans.**
May we shout for joy over your victory and in the name of our God set up our banners.
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.
Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.
Some take pride in chariots and some in horses, **but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.**
They will collapse and fall, **but we shall rise and stand upright.**
Give victory to the king, O Lord; **answer us when we call.**

Children's Time

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

Anthem

When We Walk With the Lord

CWF

*When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His word. What a glory He sheds on our way;
When we do His good will, He abides with us still and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies but His smile quickly drives it away.
Not a doubt nor a fear. Not a sigh nor a tear can abide while we trust and obey.*

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

Old Testament page 259

Sermon

We've Never Done That Before

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

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

I Have Found a Treasure in Jesus

CWF

*I have found a treasure in Jesus. Jesus is the everlasting treasure.
Satan gets behind me I know you not. I know my master Jesus.
I have Jesus the Son of God. Why should I fear? Why should I murmur?*

§ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

from 1 Corinthians 15

**This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

We believe that Jesus in the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

Amen.

§ Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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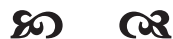
§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

Postlude

Recessional on ST. ANNE

arr. Gordon Young



667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

THANKSGIVING



mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for Thanksgiving. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a bass line with notes and rests. The lyrics are: 'mur - mur stilled: all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry! cho - sen band: take your part:'. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.



Embrace Grace Baby Shower

You're invited to the Embrace Grace Baby Shower, honoring our group's Brave Girls and their babies. It will be on June 30th at 12:30 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 6/16	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Monday 6/17	
Tuesday 6/18	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
Wednesday 6/19	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting, etc.	10:30 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 6/20	
Friday 6/21	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Saturday 6/22	
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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