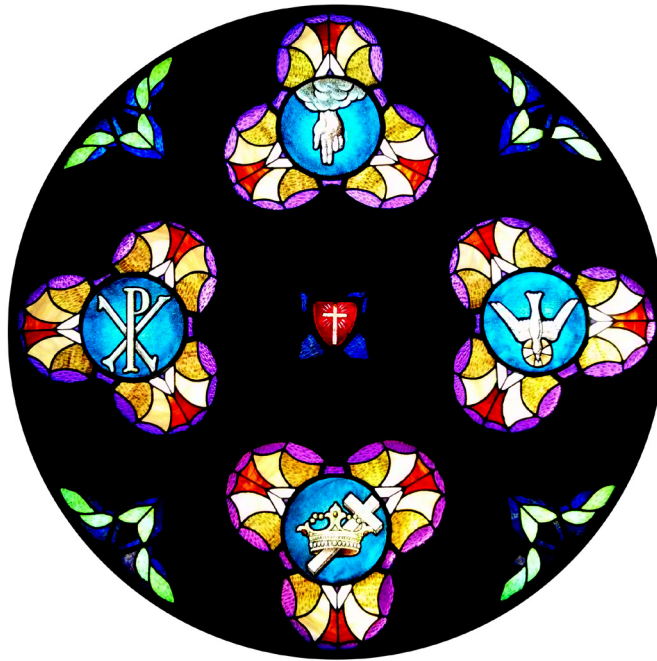


August 25, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Fourteenth 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: Kathy McCoy

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

Only a Step to Jesus

Marianne Kim

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

Living God, your Son Jesus Christ has the words of eternal life. Grant that we may come to him in faith, follow him in this world, and abide with him forever in the world to come; for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

Thanks be to God!

No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Praise the Lord!

Introit

Grant Us Wisdom

John Hughes

§ Hymn 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

§ Prayer of Confession

Watchful God, you know our plight.

Offended, we have not believed your words.

Complaining, we have betrayed your love.

We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost.

Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall.

Strangers to your holiness, we wander.

Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost.

Forgive us. Shine your light in our darkness, and guide us back to our place in you. 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 34:15–22

Responsive Reading

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, **and his ears are open to their cry.**
The face of the Lord is against evildoers, **to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears **and rescues them from all their troubles.**
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted **and saves the crushed in spirit.**
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, **but the Lord rescues them from them all.**
He keeps all their bones; **not one of them will be broken.**
Evil brings death to the wicked, **and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**
The Lord redeems the life of his servants; **none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

Children's Time

Children, age 3 to fourth grade, are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 108.

Anthem

The Armor of God

George Elvey

*Put on the full armor of God that you may be able to stand firm!
Stand firm, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
and having shod your feet with the Gospel of peace, taking up the shield of faith,
and the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

*Peace be to you, my brethren, and love with faith,
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love incorruptible!*

Congregation stands and sings:

**Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son;
Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in His mighty power,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts, is more than conqueror.
Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

Amen.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:11–13

New Testament page 195

Sermon

Time to Suit Up

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

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

Veni, Creator Spiritus

Richard Clark

§ 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 The Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

**But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men.**

**The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord
and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. Amen.**

§ Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

Postlude

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

David Lasky



My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

Fight the Good Fight 846

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

Church Office Closed

Due to the admin area move, the church office will be closed on Monday, August 26, through Tuesday, August 27. If you need assistance, you may call the office as staff members will be present. Please leave a voicemail if you are not connected to a person-your call will be returned. Thanks in advance for your patience.

Children's Ministry Appreciation Luncheon and Training

Sunday, August 25 in the Parlor

Children's Ministry is having a luncheon and training for children's ministry volunteers and everyone interested in becoming a children's ministry volunteer. The luncheon will be Sunday, August 25, after the worship service. We will be done around 1:15 p.m. Please come to the Parlor after the worship service and we will help you find the luncheon and training. If you have any questions, please email (kyle@firstprestexas.org) or see Kyle Terwilliger.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall 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.

For all those who pre-ordered a study guide, they are ready for pick up in the church office. Cost is \$12. Please make sure you check off your name as having picked up your book. If you did not order a book, but would like to join the group, please contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com or 817-675-2867) to find out how to receive a book.

Questions?

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

PCHAS Foster Family Outreach

As PCHAS volunteers we received this story from Maria Shupe and agreed to help. This is what I've told PCHAS we'd like to see more of - direct support of foster families in the Arlington area. We have been asked to help a kinship foster caregiver as she takes on the care of four siblings in an Arlington home as she and the children relocate. We're talking your hands, hearts, and sweat equity as unpacking, organizing, as well as cleaning up the back yard, in preparation for a PCHAS inspection in 4 weeks.

Contact Marge & Bob Dawson

WELCOME TEAM — Help us welcome guests!

We want to make sure that guests are always welcomed when they enter our church, and that someone is available to answer any questions they may have. They may need help finding the nursery, the restrooms, etc. We have two Welcome Team members each Sunday currently, but soon will need four, when the current phase of construction is complete. Beginning June 30, there will be a Welcome Team poster and sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you can sign up to be part of the team for a particular date. Welcome Team members arrive at 10:30am and are available at a designated entrance. One team member will need to remain in the narthex for the entire service and the others can join the congregation in the sanctuary approximately 10 minutes after the service starts at 11:00am. Help us show guests that we are glad they're here! Help us make guests feel welcome!

Help us show God's love to guests by greeting them warmly and answering any questions they may have.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8/25

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| Sunday School | 9:45 am |
| Worship Service | 11:00 am |
| Children's Ministry Appreciation Luncheon | 12:00 pm |

Monday 8/26

Tuesday 8/27

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| Senior Flexibility Class | 9:30 am |
| Tuesday Morning Bible Study | 10:30 am |

Wednesday 8/28

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| Men's Bible Study | 8:00 am |
| Quilting, etc. | 10:30 am |
| Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 pm |
| CWF Meeting | 7:00 pm |

Thursday 8/29

Friday 8/30

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| Senior Flexibility Class | 9:30 am |
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Saturday 8/31

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Mia Navarro and her family, Billie Jo Campbell, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, 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, Lorna Snyder, David Spencer, Larry Spencer, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Colin A. Peden, Christopher Young

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Madge Casselman, Lucy Cleaver, 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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