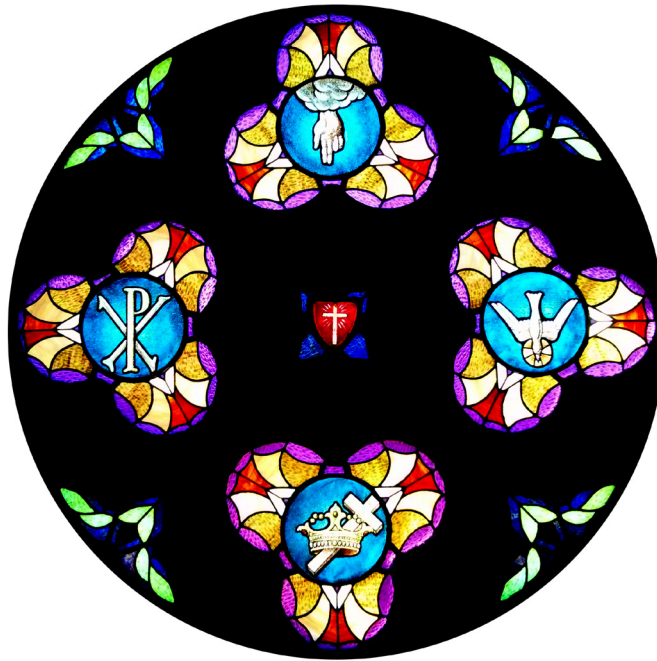


September 8, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Sixteenth 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: Sonia Ellis

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

Blessed Assurance

Marianne Kim

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality; in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Our merciful God, maker of us all, pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.

Open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Introit

How Firm a Foundation

Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

§ Prayer of Confession

God of truth, we have not been true to you.

You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them.

You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have favored the rich and despised the poor.

We have dismissed the needy with empty words.

Soften our hearts and make straight our ways.

Heal our unbelief and turn us back to 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 125

Responsive Reading

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, **which cannot be moved but abides forever.**

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

so the Lord surrounds his people from this time on and forevermore.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,

so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good **and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways, the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel!

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Carl Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God!

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:10–14

New Testament page 195

Sermon

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

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

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

With us in mind God has a better plan,

While the fleeting years are rolling by even when Centuries past.

Joy, Hallujah, joy shall be on that day.

Take the whole world and give me Jesus.

Oh, you better take the whole world and give me Jesus.

§ 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

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

§ Hymn 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

Postlude

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Mary McDonald



804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

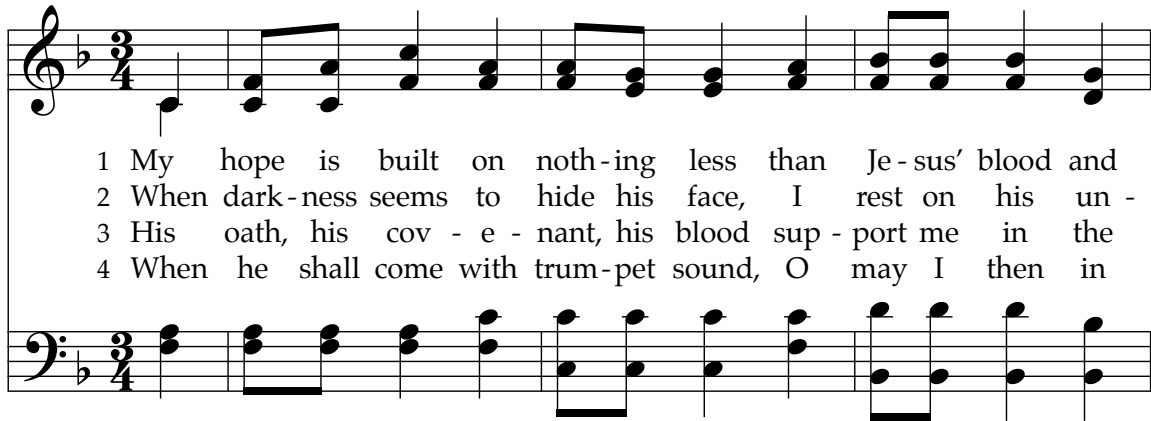
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

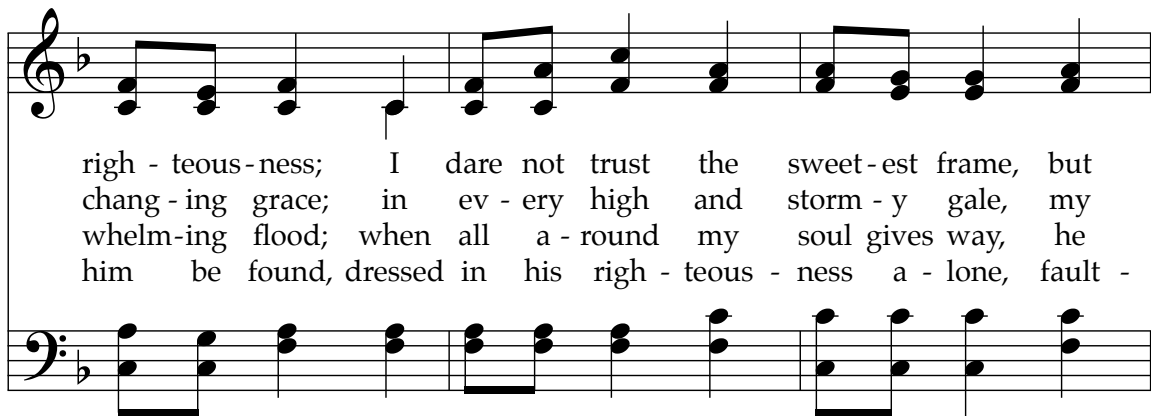
Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

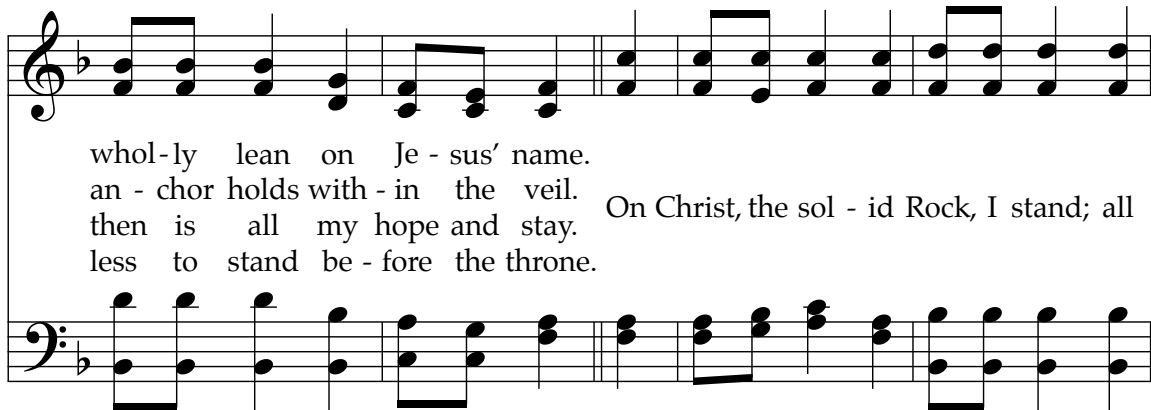
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353



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



right - 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 right - 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.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
성령과 피로써 거듭나니
이세상에서 내 영혼이
하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
이것이 나의 찬송일세
나사는 동안 끊임없이
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내 영
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
자비와 사랑 속삭이는
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
주안에 복되고 평안하니
세상도 없고 나도 없고
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴

Youth & Children's Music Ministries

Children's Music Ministries and Youth Music Ministries resume today from 12:45-1:45! Children and youth meet for lunch (provided) in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15.

Contact russell@firstprestexas.org or Laura.Farnell@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 11

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.

Those who ordered a book can pick them up on Sundays between Sunday school and worship, as well as after the worship service.

Questions?

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

Fall Festival Lunch

Sunday, September 22

The Fellowship Team invites you to the Fall Festival Lunch on September 22nd, held immediately after the Service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

Fall 2024 Bible Study for Women "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry"

Tuesdays, October 1 through 29 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

We are all busy. Some of us can't remember the last time we rested or had free time. It may seem that we must live at this frantic pace, but God has a better path for us. Jesus offers us a new rhythm of life, overflowing with grace, peace, and beauty.

Join us as we continue to explore the spiritual discipline of Sabbath and rest. This free, five-session Bible study addresses one of the greatest threats to our spiritual lives: hurry.

Please sign up on the church website so you can receive the Zoom meeting invitation link.

Online registration:

FPCA Website (firstprestexas.org)→Ministries→ Adult Ministries

Scroll down to Women's Ministry and complete the registration form

For questions, please email womensministry@firstprestexas.org

FPCA Women's Ministry Team

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 9/8

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:45 pm

Monday 9/9

Tuesday 9/10

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm

Wednesday 9/11

Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting, etc.	10:30 am
Women's Bible Study	1:00 pm
Ring of Praise Handbells	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm

Thursday 9/12

Friday 9/13

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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Saturday 9/14

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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