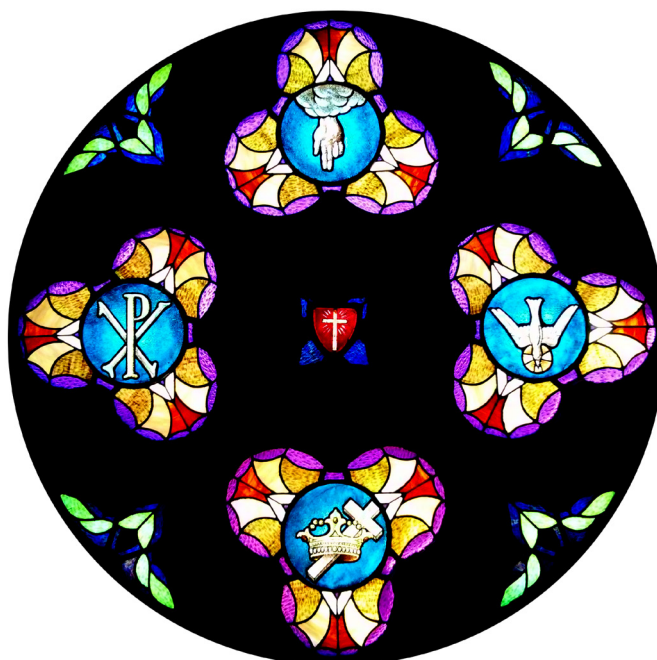


October 6, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Twentieth 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: Jodie Schenck

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

Chant Vespéral

Rachel Laurin

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

God, sometimes we do not understand why bad things happen to good people. Sometimes all we can do is lift up our eyes and hearts to heaven, and ask you, "Why?" Sometimes we do not want to persist in our integrity. We allow our suffering to lead us into despair. Yet wisdom comes from listening to your Word. Enable us to see the life you have given us through the laughter, joy, trial, and tribulation of your Son Jesus Christ, who lived, suffered, died, and was raised for us. In his name we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

To my brothers and sisters, I will tell your glory:

O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

In the great congregation I will sing your praise:

O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

Introit

Sing Ye, Arise!

Daniel Gawthrop

§ Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

§ Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures.

Yet, in the hardness of our hearts,

we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Redeem, restore, and recreate us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri

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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 8

Responsive Reading

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are humans that you are mindful of them, **mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God **and crowned them with glory and honor.**

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen, **and also the beasts of the field,**

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, **whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign, **how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4:12–16

New Testament page 220

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Sing a Mighty Song

Daniel Gawthrop

Singers! Awake and arise!

Lift up your voices as the waves of the sea. Sing a mighty song.

Woven with melody, Thy word is sweet to my soul.

In concert, confirmed in harmony, Thy yoke is easy.

O, blessed am I, that I may sing my devotion.

Sing ye!

*Let all who have breath give praise,
for the song of the righteous is a prayer unto God.
Sing alleluia, Amen.*

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:10–17

New Testament page 195

Sermon

The Sword of the Spirit

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

THY WORD

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

The Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, "the body of Christ, broken for you," and, "the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Allegro molto from Sonata No. 6

Felix Mendelssohn



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; ———

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet 458

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my
 path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a
 light un-to my path. *Fine* When I feel a-fraid, and I
 think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-side me.
 Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
 Please be near me to the end.

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 19 at 3:00-5:00 p.m.

There are many ways that you can help:

1. Donate candy. You can put the candy in room 108 or in the wood boxes around the church.
2. Decorate your trunk and give out candy.
3. Help with games, parking, greeting people, or delivering candy to trunks.
4. Invite families to Trunk or Treat.

If you are going to decorate your trunk and give out candy or help with games, parking, or in some other way, please contact Kyle Terwilliger (kyle@firstprestexas.org).

WE NEED BOOKS!

Reading is like dreaming with your eyes open. Anonymous

We need your help! Let's give all the Trunk or Treat kids a book full of dreams!

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study has been handing out books to the FPCA Trunk or Treaters for 10+ years. Last year our supply was greatly depleted, and we are no longer eligible for a grant we have received in past years for books. Please consider donating any gently used or new children's books. Anything from infants to elementary. Board, picture, first readers, chapter books all needed. The biggest group is the toddlers to pre-school age. Many thanks to all who can donate. Trunk or Treat usually sees at least 300 people. Our goal is for every child to take home a book.

A box will be available at the end of the hallway near the Fellowship Hall for donations beginning Sunday, September 22.

These are good sources for reasonable priced books if you don't have any to donate from your own stash: Goodwill, New2U thrift store on Park Row, Garage Sales, The Friends of the Library book sale, Dollar Tree

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

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.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. Currently the meeting location is in the Fellowship Hall. This year's 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 volunteer to lead the discussion and/or to bring a snack. All women are invited.

Questions?

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 10/6

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

Monday 10/7

Tuesday 10/8

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

Wednesday 10/9

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 Study	7:00 pm

Thursday 10/10

Fellowship Team Meeting	4:30 pm
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Friday 10/11

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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Saturday 10/12

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Trevor Henry, Jennifer Meyer, Charles Arnold, Jo Ann Nichols, Bob Hanson and his family, 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, Jim and 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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