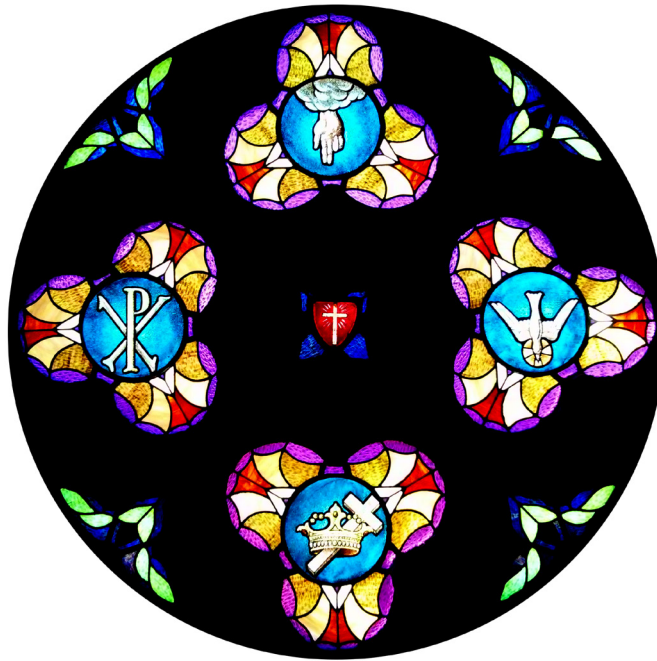


October 13, 2024

# First Presbyterian Church

The Twenty-First 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. Jim Shroyer  
Lay Leader: Susan Malone  
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

O Sons and Daughters

Richard Clark

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*You alone are holy, O God; you alone are good. Help us to let go of worldly goods and leave lesser things behind so that we may be ready to enter your holy realm on that day when the first are last and the last are first; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Jim Shroyer

Call to Worship

God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.**

To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

**God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!**

Introit

Rejoice!

C. O. Beck

§ Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

§ Prayer of Confession

**God of justice and mercy,**

**we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last.**

**We desire the evil and scorn the good;**

**we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way.**

**O Lord, forgive us and be gracious to us in spite of our great sin.**

**Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy.**

**Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus 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.**

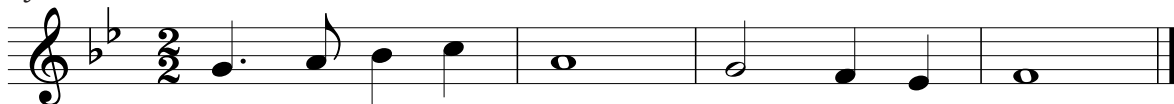
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Proclaiming

Psalm 22

Responsive Reading

*Refrain*



Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**

O my God, I cry by day, **but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest.**

Yet you are holy, **enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

In you our ancestors trusted; **they trusted, and you delivered them.**

To you they cried and were saved; **in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

*Refrain*

But I am a worm and not human, **scorned by others and despised by the people.**

All who see me mock me; **they sneer at me; they shake their heads;**

*Refrain*

But you, O Lord, **do not be far away!**

O my help, **come quickly to my aid!**

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;

**in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

**my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

**and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

For dominion belongs to the Lord, **and he rules over the nations.**

*Refrain*

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:28–39

New Testament page 158

Children's Time

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

Anthem

God Be In My Head

John Rutter

*God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.*

*God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking.*

*God be at my end and in my departing.*

Gospel Reading

John 21:24–25

New Testament page 116

Sermon

There is Power in God's Promises

Rev. Shroyer

## Responding

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

Stand firm and see what the Lord will do.  
Ayene. (We gives thanks to God, our Father.)

§ 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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

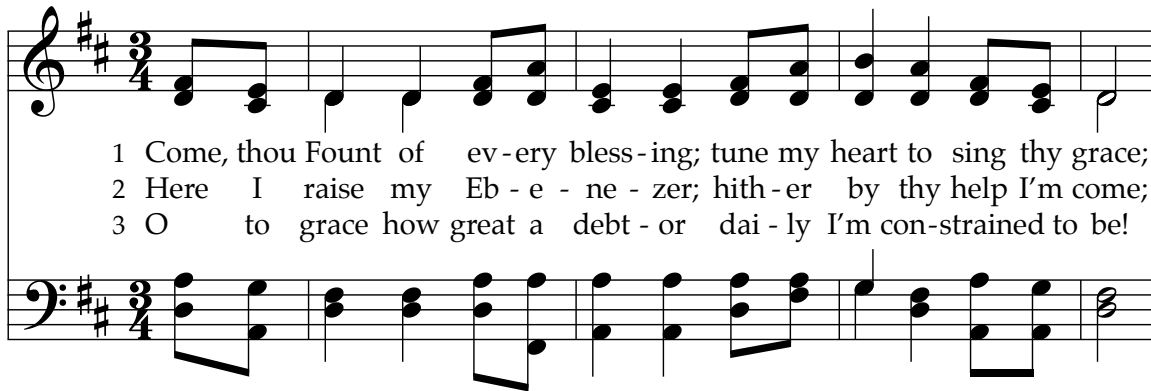
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Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

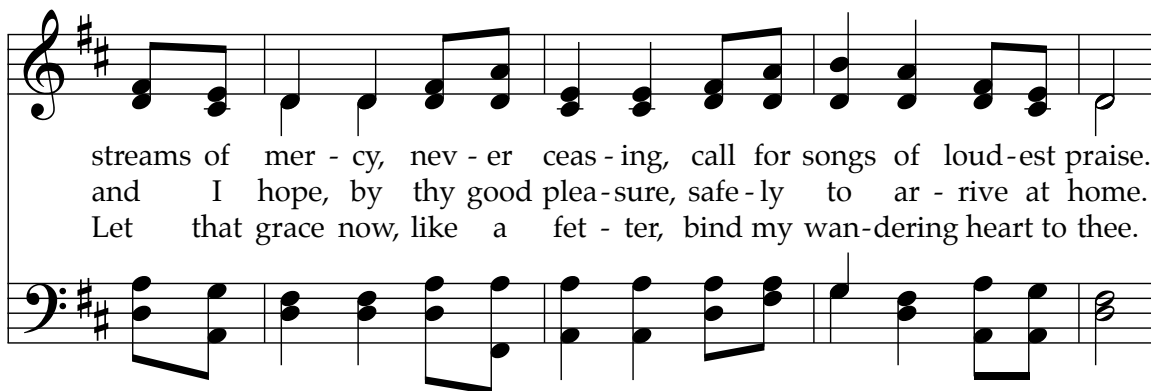
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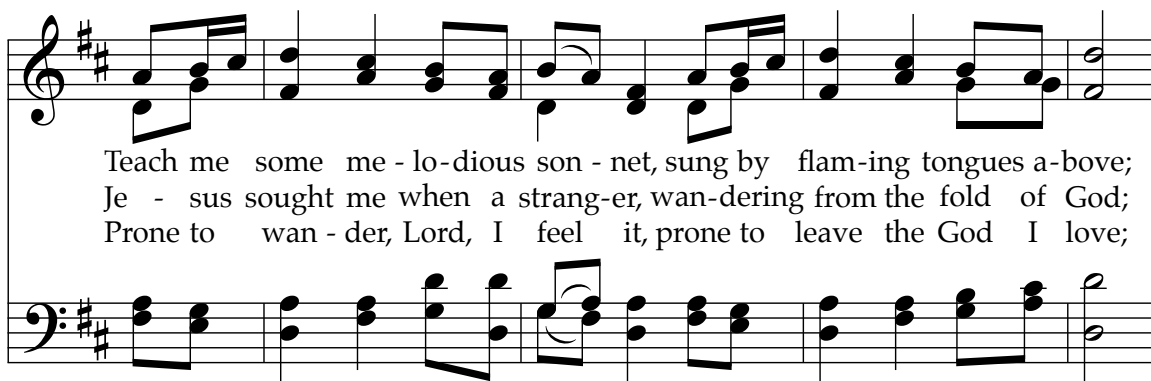
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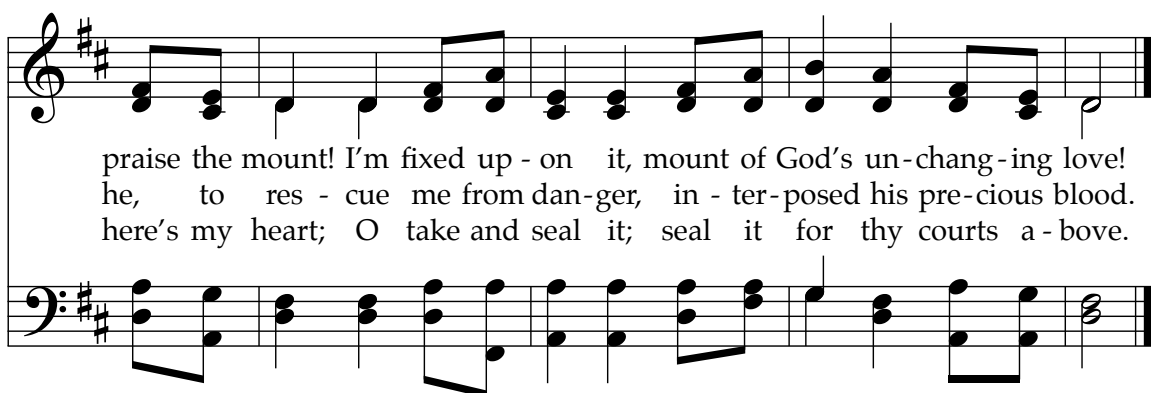
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

## 462 I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## 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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:der817@gmail.com)) or Sheri Quick ([sheriq@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:der817@gmail.com)) or Sheri Quick ([sheriq@aol.com](mailto:sheriq@aol.com)).

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday 10/13	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Monday 10/14	
Tuesday 10/15	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Wednesday 10/16	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting, etc.	10:30 am
Ring of Praise Handbells	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 10/17	
Friday 10/18	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Saturday 10/19	
Trunk or Treat	3:00 pm

## Prayer Ministry

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

The family of 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 Scrobeck, 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](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org)

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