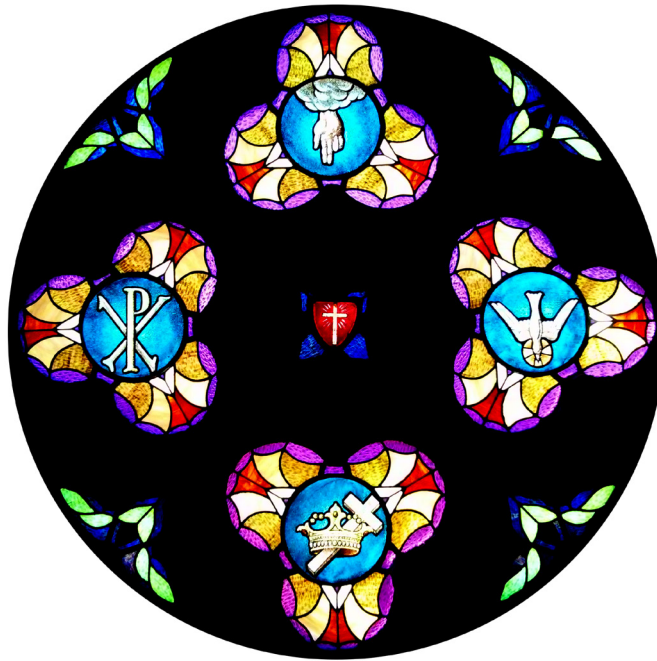


October 20, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Twenty-Second 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: Clara Formusoh

Organist: Shina Heo

Proclaiming

Psalm 26

Responsive Reading

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,

and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, and try me; **test my heart and mind.**

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, **and I walk in faithfulness to you.**

I do not sit with the worthless, **nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

I hate the company of evildoers **and will not sit with the wicked.**

I wash my hands in innocence **and go around your altar, O Lord,**

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving **and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell **and the place where your glory abides.**

Do not sweep me away with sinners **nor my life with the bloodthirsty,**

those in whose hands are evil devices **and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

But as for me, I walk in my integrity; **redeem me and be gracious to me.**

My foot stands on level ground; **in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.**

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Joseph Graham

*Sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.*

In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,

and oft escaped the tempter's snare by Thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

And since He bids me seek His face, and believe His word and trust His grace,

I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:10–20

New Testament page 195

Sermon

Pray and Persevere

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 735

I Need Thee Every Hour

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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

With a Joyful Heart

Susan Geschke

Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

§ 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 Westminster Larger Catechism

Why are we to pray in the name of Christ?

Because of the sinfulness of man and his distance from God due to sin are so great, so that we cannot have access into his presence without a mediator, and because there is no mediator in heaven or earth appointed to or fir for that glorious work except Christ alone, we are to pray in no other name but his only. Amen.

§ Hymn 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

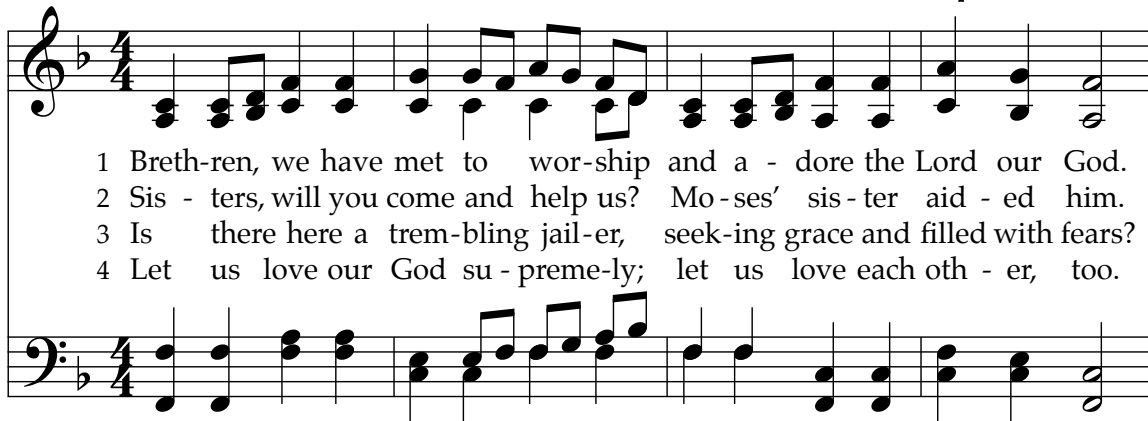
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To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

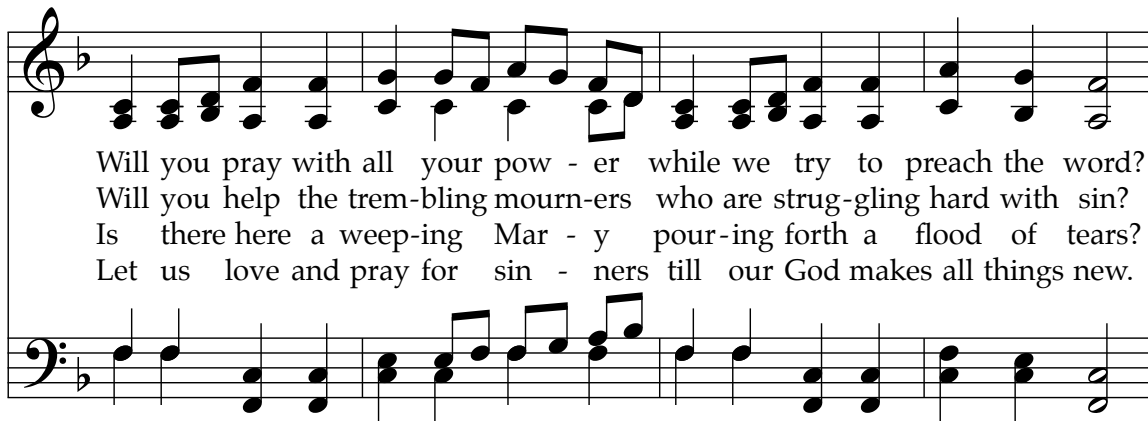
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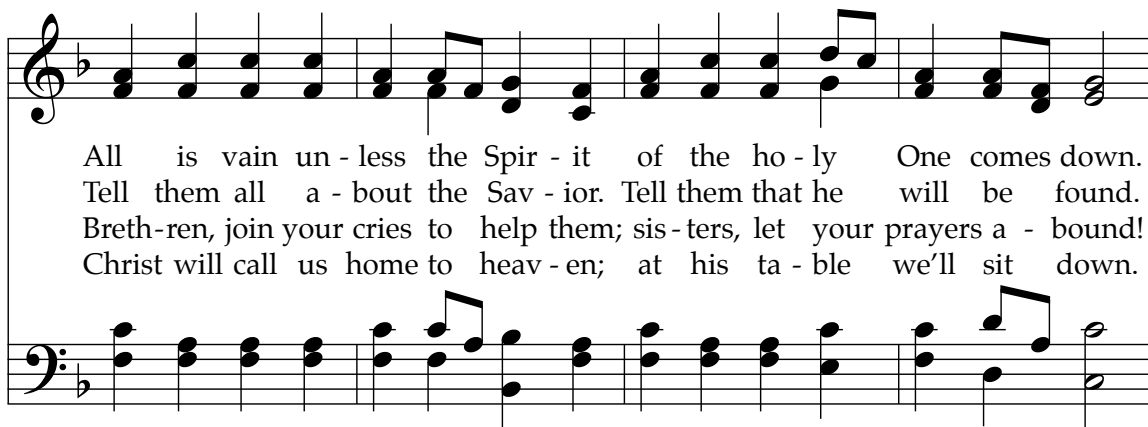
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



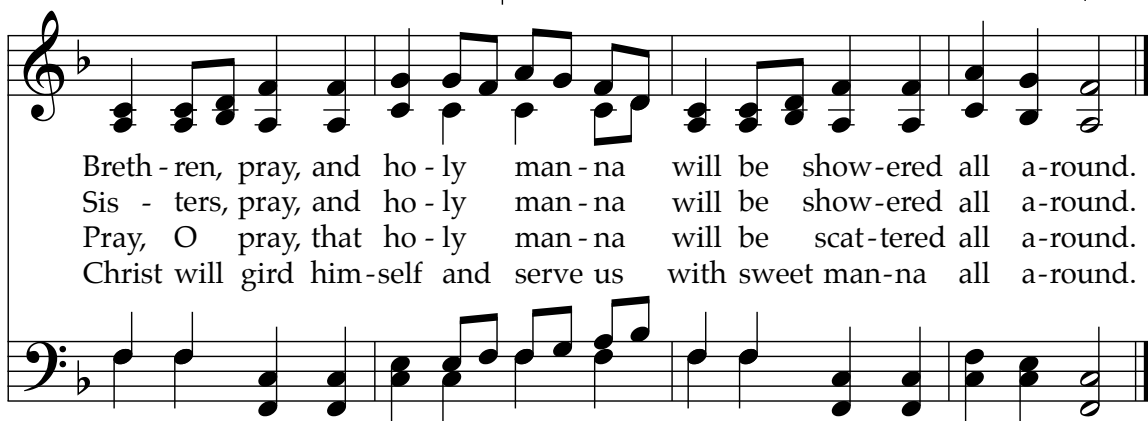
1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

735 I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!

Encouraged by her pastor in Brooklyn, New York, the author of this text wrote over four hundred hymn texts. This is the only one to receive wide use, but it has been translated into many languages. Her pastor composed this tune and, with her consent, added the text of the refrain.

66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

Fine

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's

2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so

bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

to Refrain

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

Thanksgiving Baskets

First Presbyterian Church is again joining Arlington Charities in feeding those who, otherwise, may not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. The Mission and Evangelism Team set a goal of 200 Baskets.

Please sign up outside the Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex. You can sign up as an individual, family, or a group. After you sign up please take your numbered Basket Sheet with the requested list of food items and the attached envelope for the pie crust and turkey donation.

Please return your Basket to the Fellowship Hall on or before Sunday, November 3. Each bag feeds one family so they can celebrate Thanksgiving together at home.

Thanksgiving Lunch

Sunday, November 24

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving Lunch on November 24th, immediately after the Service. The Fellowship Team will provide all of the food for the meal. Please do not bring any side dishes.

We look forward to celebrating this season of Thanksgiving with everyone.

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 10/20	
Sunday School	9:45 am
New Members Class	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 10/21	
Tuesday 10/22	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Wednesday 10/23	
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 10/24	
Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday 10/25	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Saturday 10/26	

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 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, Wolfgang Van Wie

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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