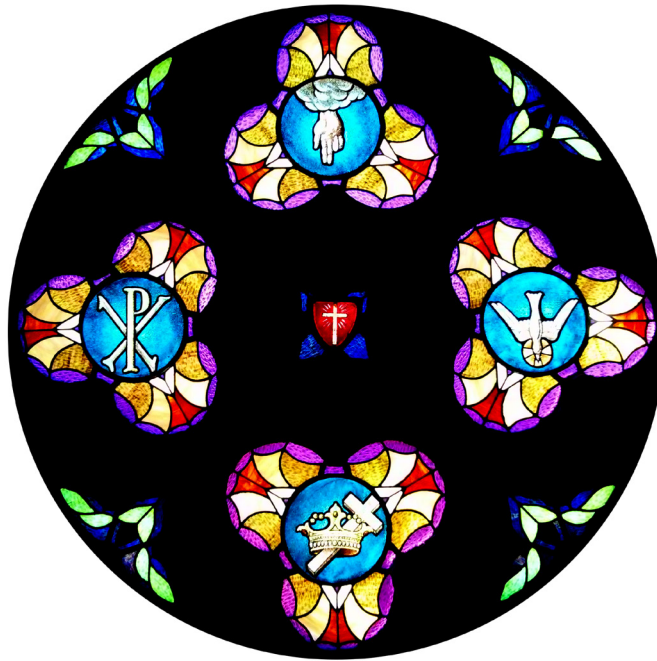


October 27, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

Reformation Sunday



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: Jane Leathem

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Robert Hebble

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, fully aligned with you, that we may show your love to the world. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous songs and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

Introit

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

§ Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

§ Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.

We have not loved others as you have loved us.

We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you.

**Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 34:1-8

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Come, bless the Lord. Give thanks for - ev - er - more.

I will bless the Lord at all times; **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; **let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me, **and let us exalt his name together.**

Refrain

I sought the Lord, and he answered me **and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant, **so your faces shall never be ashamed.**

This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord **and was saved from every trouble.**

The angel of the Lord encamps **around those who fear him and delivers them.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good; **happy are those who take refuge in him.**

Refrain

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Jubilate Deo

John Ireland

*O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands, serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before His presence with a song.*

Be ye sure that the Lord He is God: It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,

and into His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name.

For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,

and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-17

New Testament page 109

Sermon

Aligned with the Word

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour

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

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 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

Postlude

Ein' Feste Burg

arr. Michael Bedford



35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel-ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

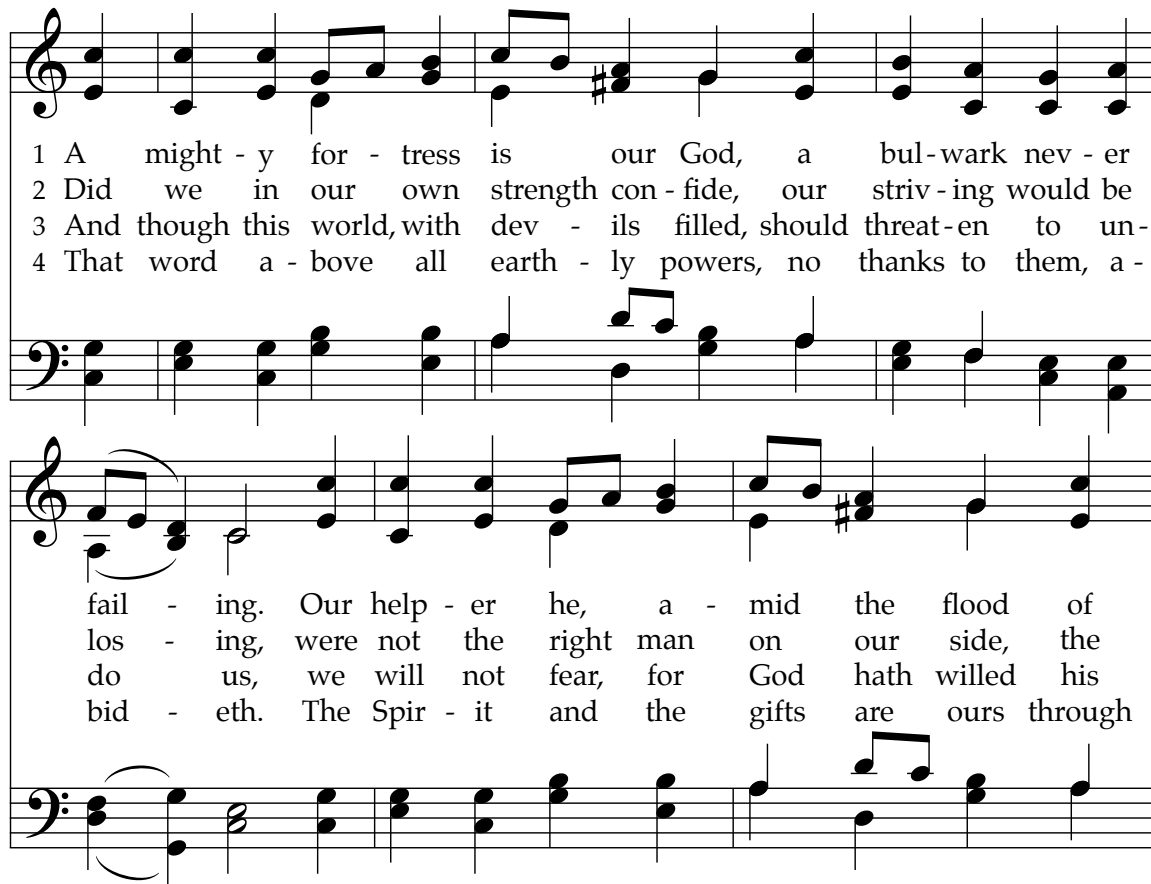
The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.



mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -
fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Luncheon for Families with Children or Youth

We will have a luncheon for families with children or youth today in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Come enjoy lunch and connect with other families who have children or youth along with some of the leaders in the children's and youth ministries.

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.



CWF Sunday

November 10

The Christian Women's Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon will lead in worship on Sunday, November 10. The women will present their rally song after attending the CWF National Rally in Houston, October 24-27.

After the service, a Fellowship Lunch will be provided by CWF. All are welcome!

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 10/27

New Members Class	9:45 am
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 10/28

Tuesday 10/29

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

Wednesday 10/30

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

Thursday 10/31

Friday 11/1

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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Saturday 11/2

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Ann Scarr, 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

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