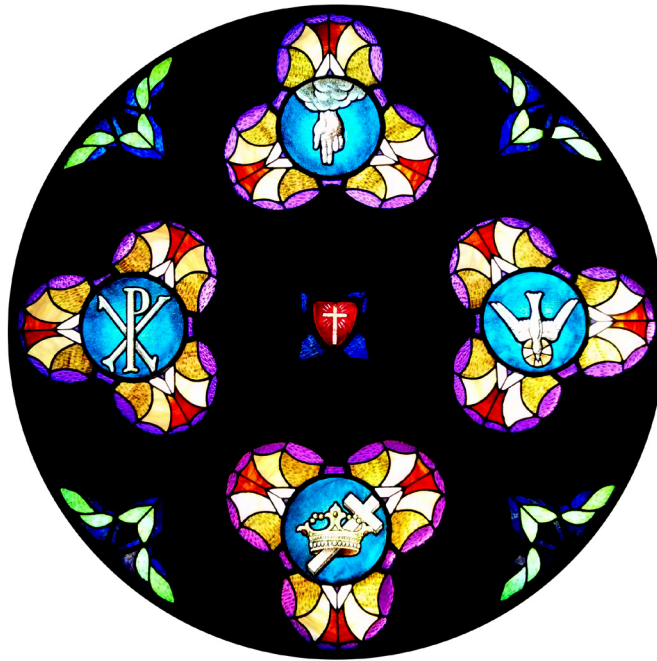


November 10, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Twenty-Fifth 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: Anna Njei

Serving in Worship: Christian Women's Fellowship

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 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee Robert Lau

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

All praise to you, most holy and gracious God! You have set us free from fear and filled us with good things. You surprise us with your grace and give us all we need. Even when we lose sight of your ways, you pull us back to you and overwhelm us all over again, reminding us of your power, your compassion, and your justice. All praise to you, our triune God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Processional I Am Satisfied With Jesus Christian Women's Fellowship

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them

And who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow.

The Lord will reign forever.

Praise the Lord!

§ Hymn 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come! FESTAL SONG

§ Prayer of Confession

Dear God, you gave us your only Son, yet we fail to give you our best.

You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit.

You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need.

Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 127

Responsive Reading

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,

eating the bread of anxious toil, for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, **the fruit of the womb a reward.**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.

Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them.

He shall not be put to shame **when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:28–34

New Testament page 6

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Be on the Alert and Pray Always

CWF Choir

Oh, Soldiers of Christ, put on the armour.

Rise up and sing to God, be alert and pray always, for the Lord is coming soon.

We may be troubled, but not distressed.

We may be cast down, but not destroyed.

Perplexed and broken, yet not in despair for God is our refuge.

He is our strength.

False prophets everywhere, telling us lies.

Look up to Jesus, who died for us.

Let little children come on to Jesus, for He is our Savior.

He is our friend.

Be on the alert! And pray always.

For God is our refuge He is our strength.

Repent, obey, and receive the Son of God.

Repent, obey for the Lord is coming soon.

Oh Christian women, stand in faith, be humble, oh just like Abigail.

Stand in faith all the time.

Oh Christian women, we must stand in faith and be humble all the time.

All over the world, we must stand in faith and be humble all the time.

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 6:3–10

New Testament page 210

Sermon

Aligned in Heart

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 828

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

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

I Will Enter His Gate With Thanksgiving in My Heart
Amen, Amen Blessings and Glory
We Are Saying Thank You, Jesus

CWF Choir

§ 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

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was please to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

§ Hymn 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

Postlude

Crown Him Lord of All!

Gilbert Martin



744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
 SM
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

828 More Love to Thee, O Christ

1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2 Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
 3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
 Now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best.
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise.

This is my ear - nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!

Perhaps because this prayer-poem by the wife of a leading 19th-century Presbyterian minister grew out of her own physical and emotional suffering, it has continued to speak to many people in similar distress. It is set here to the tune created for its first printing in a hymnal.

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.

New Members



Samuel and Hannah Terwilliger

While Samuel and Hannah have both been members of various churches throughout their lives, Hannah became a permanent attendee of FPCA in 2016 following Samuel's invitations. Since then, she has volunteered for and gone on many adventures with the church's children and youth. On December 16th, 2023, Samuel and Hannah were wed, and look forward to many more years with FPCA.



Marco and Genoveva Herrera

Marco and Genoveva were born and raised in Mexico City in a Christian family environment. Since childhood, they attended the Presbyterian church where they met. During that time, they oversaw the church's youth group and were part of the church planting and evangelism project in rural Mexico.

Marco received his MBA from the University of Dallas while Genoveva was an ESL teacher (English Second Language) at Mountain View College. They returned to Mexico, then moved to Miami, FL where they lived for almost 30 years. Ten years ago, they moved to Philadelphia, PA, and five years ago, they relocated to Dallas.

They enjoy outdoor activities, traveling together, cheering for Texas sports teams, and visiting their three daughters and seven grandkids in North Carolina, San Francisco, and Guatemala. They look forward to serving God through the FPCA community.

SAVE *the* DATE

*to celebrate
the ordination of*

ADRIAN J. RODRIGUEZ

DECEMBER 15, 2024

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Advent Decorating

Your family is invited to help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. This is a fun fellowship time with your church family as well as a time to deck the halls with boughs of holly. Come and help prepare the church, as we prepare our hearts for the Coming of Christ!

We will meet in the sanctuary after the
Thanksgiving lunch

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

Please do not bring any side dishes.

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 11/10		
New Members Class		9:45 am
Sunday School		9:45 am
Worship Service		11:00 am
Reception by CWF		12:00 pm
Youth and Children's Music Ministries		12:45 pm
Prayer Team Meeting		12:45 pm
Monday 11/11		
Tuesday 11/12		
Senior Flexibility Class		9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study		10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring		6:30 pm
Wednesday 11/13		
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 11/14		
Friday 11/15		
Senior Flexibility Class		9:30 am
Saturday 11/16		

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Loyd Counts, 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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