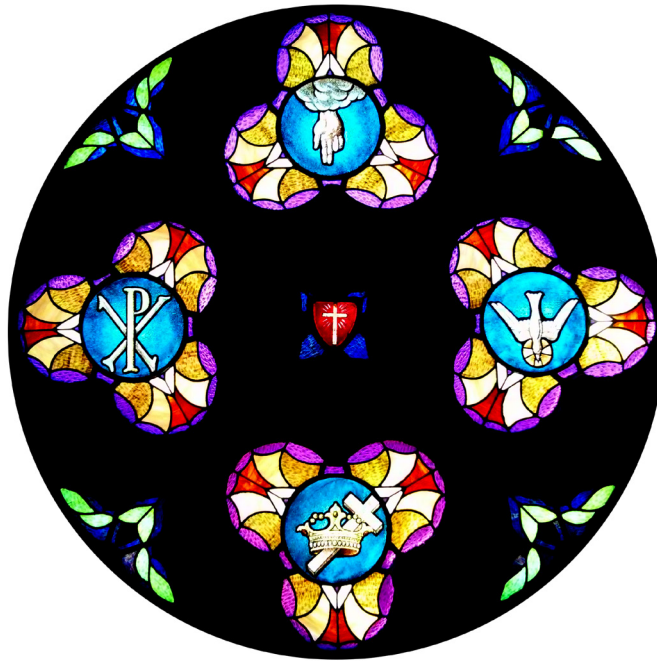


January 12, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Preaching: Rev. Jim Shroyer
Lay Leader: Stephen Baker
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

Amazing Grace

David Cherwien

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Jim Shroyer

Call to Worship

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

Introit

A Song to Our Maker

Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

§ Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved.

We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.

We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world.

We are sorry, and we want to change.

**Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another,
and bless us with your peace. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri

MEINEKE

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.

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

I'm gonna go wherever you want me to go.
I am gonna where you want me to go.
I'm gonna preach.
I'm gonna heal the sick.
I'm gonna cast demons out of men.
Who is on the Lord's side?
I want to know.
I am on the Lord.
The Lord is by my side as long as I live.
I am on the Lord side.

§ Doxology

TALLIS' CANON

**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 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

Postlude

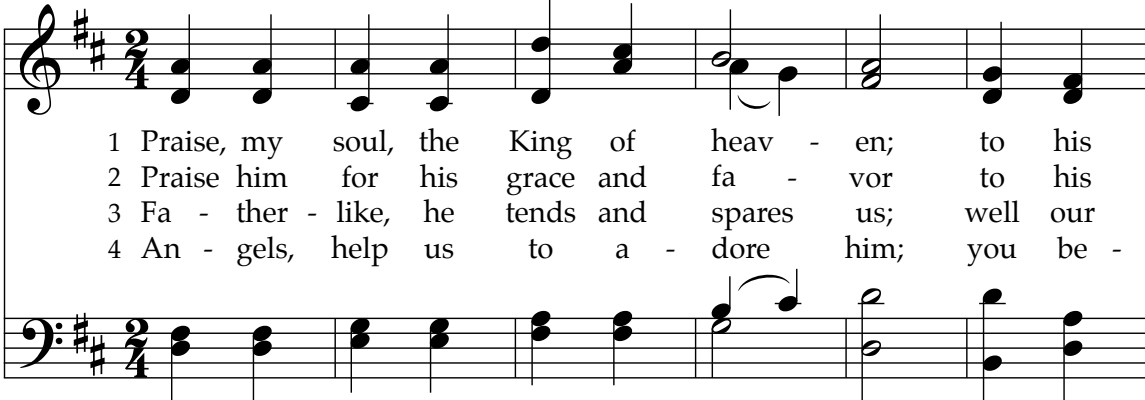
How Firm a Foundation

Gordon Young



620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

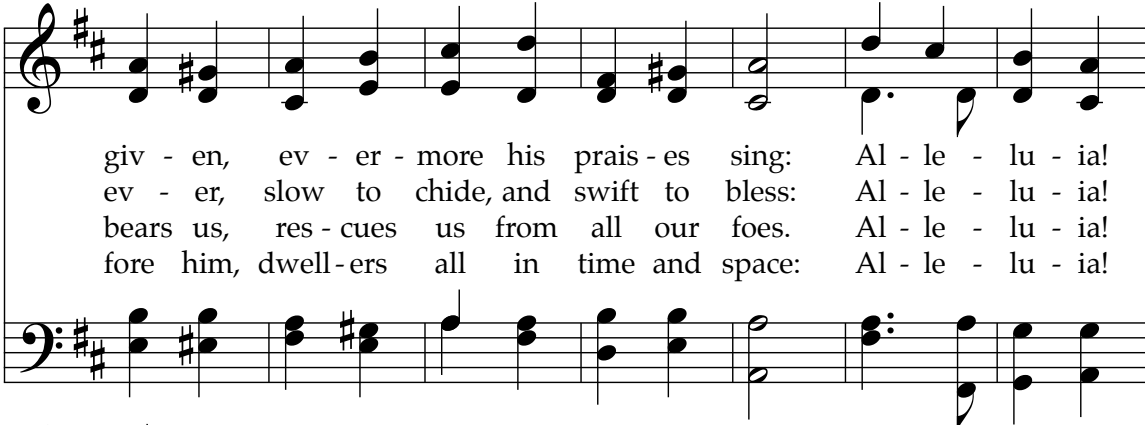
(Psalm 103)



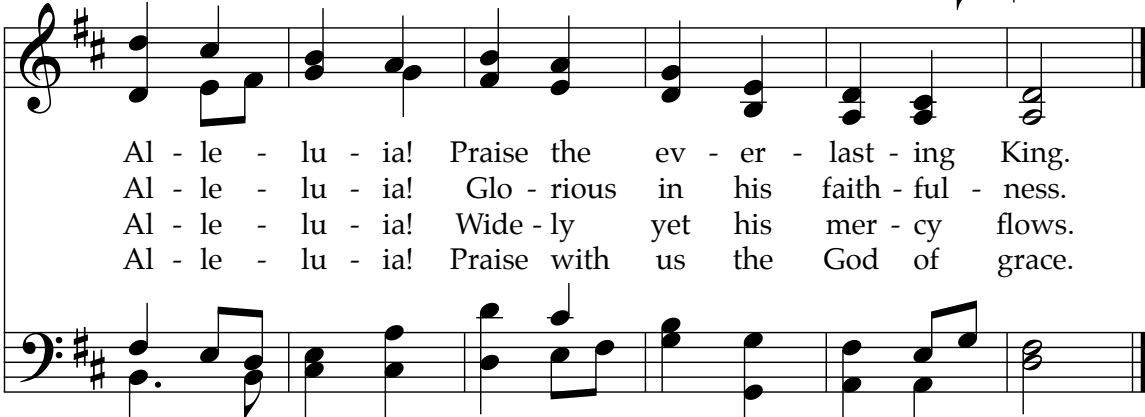
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -



feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -



giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

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.

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, February 2

The Fellowship Team will be serving the “Souper Bowl of Sharing” lunch immediately following the Church Service on February 2nd in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy a delicious meal. Everyone is invited.

The Spring Children’s Ministry

Sunday, January 12

The Spring is something new for children 4 years old to 6th grade. We will meet on Sundays from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

We will have games, activities, and memory verses. The lessons and memory verses will be different from the Sunday morning lessons. Kids have been asking when we will be able to have games in the Fellowship Hall.

I now have the answer. Sunday afternoons during The Spring. We will once again be able to play games such as tag, ice cream shop, and mousetrap.

It will be a time to learn from the Bible, build community, and invite friends. The Spring will start January 12th from 4:30-6:00 p.m.



ATTENTION, LADIES!

Saturday, January 25th

10:00 a.m. to Noon

FPCA Parlor

Join us as we kick off 2025 with the next installment of our “New Year, New Beginnings” series. Enjoy brunch and a message from our guest speaker, Martita Lynch, who is returning this year to help us learn more about the discipline of fellowship and building community. Please feel free to invite a friend... we are excited to see you there!!

\$10 Registration Online

To register, visit the FPCA website (firstprestexas.org)
Ministries → Adult Ministries → Scroll to Women’s Ministry

You can pay online, on the FPCA app, or by check.

Questions? Please call Jamie at 214-674-7821 or e-mail womensministry@firstprestexas.org

Women’s Ministry Team

COMING SOON... SAINTS ALIVE IS BACK!

Thursday, January 30 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Saints Alive for those who might not know is a bring a dish luncheon and time of fellowship open to all church members! Our first luncheon will be Thursday, January 30th at 11:30 a.m. This will be a recurring luncheon on the last Thursday of each month- January - May; and September -December. We will take the months of June, July and August off. We will from time to time have guest speakers or entertainment. Please plan to join us on Thursday, January 30th at 11:30 a.m. and enjoy some good food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you in Fellowship Hall.

Jodie Schenck and Becki Briggs Co Chairs.

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 1/12	
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 1/13	
Tuesday 1/14	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Wednesday 1/15	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting	10:30 am
Ring of Praise Handbell Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 1/16	
Team Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday 1/17	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Saturday 1/18	

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

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, Ann Scarr, 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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