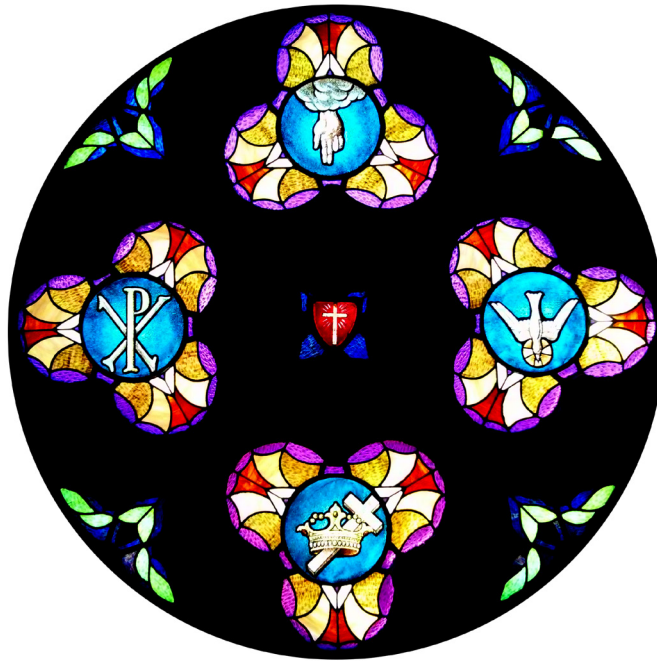


February 23, 2025  
First Presbyterian Church  
Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany



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. Chris Campbell  
Lay Leader: Sonia Ellis  
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

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Gregg Sewell

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Holy God, we want to be the sheep of your pasture. Care for us, feed us, and lead us, we pray. Once we are strengthened by your presence, raise us up to be shepherds ourselves who tend to those who fear and dismay so that our lives may reflect our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

**Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

**The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in time of trouble.**

Introit

Alleluia!

Sine Nomine

§ Hymn 650

O Beauty Ever Ancient

ANCIENT BEAUTY

§ Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises.**

**We love only those who love us.**

**We show kindness only to those who are kind to us.**

**We give only when we expect to receive.**

**Forgive us, Lord.**

**Fill our hearts with your selfless love.**

**Change our lives by your matchless grace.**

**These things we pray through 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 37:1–11; 39–40

Responsive Reading

*Refrain*



Wait for the Lord; pa - tient-ly wait. Wait for the Lord.

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
**for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord and do good; **live in the land and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the Lord, **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord; **trust in him, and he will act.**

He will make your vindication shine like the light **and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; **do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.**

*Refrain*

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. **Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut off, **but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

**though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

*Refrain*

But the meek shall inherit the land **and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.**

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; **he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

The Lord helps them and rescues them;

**he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they 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

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Carl Mueller

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God!*

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Old Testament page 725

Sermon

Jehovah Tsidkenu

Rev. Campbell





### Linda Bowlin

I live at Town Village. I was active for years in my home church, FPC Granbury. I have three children, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

I look forward to being a member of FPCA Arlington.



### Janette Parkinson

My name is Janette Parkinson-Weatherly and I'm originally from Montego Bay Jamaica. I grew up in a Presbyterian family until I migrated to New York to further my education. As a young woman on my own and away from parents, life pulled me in various directions both emotionally and spiritually. Not feeling spiritually fulfilled, I've now decided to return to my Presbyterian Faith.

I reside in North Arlington for the past forty years after moving from New York due to the relocation of my then employer American Airlines. I retired from American after a dynamic thirty five year career! With travel still being one of my passions, my husband and I still make frequent trips to our other home in Jamaica, as well as other countries on our bucket list. We also travel to visit our three daughters and five grandkids who reside on both the East and West coasts of the USA. When we're not traveling, we are homebodies who like to entertain occasionally, love to cook different cuisines and enjoy Kearn's vast music collection.

I am looking forward to enhancing my spiritual growth and development here at FPCA and making new and lasting friends.



### Allen & Connie Tubb

Allen Tubb has been a lifelong Presbyterian. He was baptized as an infant, and was confirmed at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas. He was privileged to be ordained as an Elder in that church. He chaired the Worship Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee. He is happily retired after two careers in the oil and gas and in the financial services industry.

Connie Tubb was raised a Baptist and was baptized after Vacation Bible School in the summer of 1962. In 1980, when she and Allen married, she joined Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, where Allen had been a member since infancy. Both of their children were confirmed at PHPC, and she enjoyed many areas of service there for years.

She has had the opportunity to serve on many committees at Presbytery and Synod and PC(USA) levels through the years. She has been privileged to serve on the Board of Trustees of Ghost Ranch, PCHAS, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, and Springhill Retreat Center (owned by PHPC). She has served on session at both Preston Hollow and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

She and Allen are both retired and they have five wonderful grandchildren. They enjoy spending lots of time with them, and really enjoy worshipping with FPCA EVERY Sunday morning via Internet.

# O Beauty Ever Ancient 650

Capo 3: (D) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (Em) (A) (D)  
 F B $\flat$  Gm E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm C F

1 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,  
 2 O beau - ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,  
 3 O beau - ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,  
 4 O beau - ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,

(G) (Em) (F $\sharp$ 7) (Bm) (G) (Em) (A) (D)  
 B $\flat$  Gm A7 Dm B $\flat$  Gm C F

di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,  
 O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark - ness as in light,  
 O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,  
 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,

(D) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (Dsus) (D) (G)  
 F B $\flat$  Gm E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Fsus F B $\flat$

in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Both Psalms 29:2b and 96:6a encourage us to “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,” yet celebrating the beauty of the holy God is not an end in itself but involves a call to oppose unjust ugliness. The beauty that draws us to God also urges us to work for mercy and justice.

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 MUSIC: Alfred V. Fedak, 2007  
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ANCIENT BEAUTY  
 7.6.7.6 with refrain

# 681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

(Psalm 118)

1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are  
 2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's  
 3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -  
 4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on

all God's own. Let heaven re - jice; let  
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -  
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -  
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in

earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.  
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.  
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.  
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24-29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

## Go to the World!

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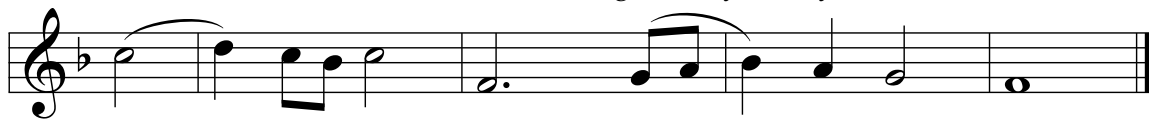
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering is received during the season of Lent at FPCA. This is one of four special offerings collected during our church year. Offering envelopes are provided outside the sanctuary or designate OGHS on the memo portion of your check. Posters are located around the church halls.

Presbyterians worldwide have participated in this offering for over 60 years and give about as much as all other denominations put together. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The offering gifts are divided between three programs- Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. For a list of how these gifts were used in previous years or for more information, see [www.pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs).

## FPCA Summer Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Sunday, March 2 at 12 p.m. in the Parlor

Please join us on March 1st in the Parlor, immediately after worship services for an informational meeting regarding a FPCA Mission Trip this summer. This mission trip will be heading to Hendersonville N.C. to serve The Hendersonville Presbyterian Church where Pastor Rob McClelland is the Senior Pastor. We will be partnering with Reach Global Crisis Response and serving onsite at the church and in their local community in efforts to help rebuild from the damage caused from the Hurricane Helene flooding in 2024. The trip cap is at 16 attendees.

If you are interested, please attend this informational meeting and/or reach out to Stephanie Arredondo at [stephanie@firstprestexas.org](mailto:stephanie@firstprestexas.org). We are looking to have some of the Youth attend as well. These efforts are on being organized by our FPCA M&E Team.

## Prayer Ministries

Our Prayer Ministry has been steadily working behind the scenes on creating a strategy of how we can continue building prayer across our congregation. We are excited to announce that we have a mission statement: The Prayer Ministry follows God in transforming FPCA into a house of prayer!

As you may have seen, we have monthly prayer testimonies given in worship service. If you are interested in giving your prayer testimony, please reach out to Bob Watkins at [bob@firstprestexas.org](mailto:bob@firstprestexas.org) or Jim Shroyer [jim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org). More opportunities to get engaged in the Prayer Ministry to come in the following weeks.

Also, please join us as we pray for a safe and God-filled experience for our Youth as they journey to Austin next weekend for Youth Cue. Youth Cue's focus is to positively impact youth through the power of choral music, and our Youth will have an opportunity to join dozens of other attending churches to sing in front of the Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church. We all pray for safe travels, good health, and blessings upon our Youth during this special time!

## GIVE a RIDE to those who NEED a RIDE to and from Church and/or Sunday School

The Deacons are compiling a list of drivers by zip code and phone number to provide to members (in the same or near zip code) who can no longer get to and from FPCA! The deacons will supply the member with the list from their geographical area. It will be up to the person who NEEDS a RIDE to contact the person who can GIVE a RIDE. Please call the church office or email Kathy McCoy at [jkmccoy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkmccoy@sbcglobal.net) with your information to GIVE a RIDE or NEED a RIDE.

Personally I need to be on both lists because you never know when the car won't start or has a flat. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy McCoy at [jkmccoy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkmccoy@sbcglobal.net).

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday 2/23

New Members Class	9:45 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
New Members Reception	12:00 pm

Monday 2/24

Tuesday 2/25

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Session Meeting	8:00 pm

Wednesday 2/26

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 Meeting	7:00 pm

Thursday 2/27

Saints Alive Luncheon	11:30 am
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Friday 2/28

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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Saturday 3/1

HOPE Tutoring Event	9:00 am
Work Day	10:00 am

## Prayer Ministry

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

The family of Carol Boone, Marie George, Richard Whitenight, Judy Reck, Charles Arnold, Nancy Brown, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Joe and Lila Glenn, Bob Hanson and his family, Jack and Dottie Liwai, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Mia Navarro and her family, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Jo Ann Nichols, Tina Paulk, Tonya Scrapeck, 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, Leonard & Mary Jane Tibbetts, 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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