

July 20, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
The Sixth 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.

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

Canzone

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*God of every blessing, we rejoice that you have chosen us from long ago,
adopted us as your beloved children, and gathered us into your presence.
Now make known in our hearts and lives your eternal purpose for heaven
and earth so that we may live, this day and always, for the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

By the power of the Holy Spirit, our steadfast loving God reaches out to redeem us.

Thanks be to God!

Introit

Alleluia

Everett Titcomb

§ Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

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§ Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things
and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength.**

We have not paid attention to your Word.

We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed.

We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others.

We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment.

Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance.

**Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith,
that we may live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom we pray. 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.

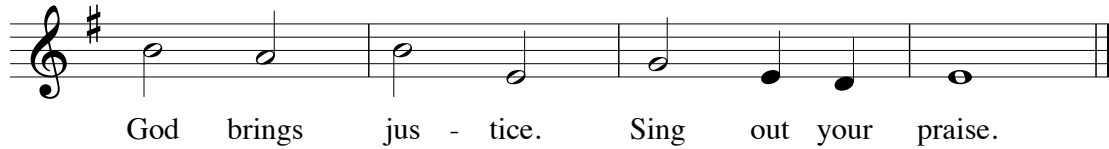
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Proclaiming

Psalm 52

Responsive Reading

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Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly?

All day long you are plotting destruction.

Your tongue is like a sharp razor, **you worker of treachery.**

You love evil more than good **and lying more than speaking the truth.**

You love all words that devour, **O deceitful tongue.**

refrain

But God will break you down forever;

he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living.

The righteous will see and fear, **and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,**

“See the one who would not take refuge in God

but trusted in abundant riches and sought refuge in wealth!”

refrain

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

I will thank you forever **because of what you have done.**

In the presence of the faithful **I will proclaim your name, for it is good.**

refrain

Children’s Time

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

Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Everett Titcomb

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard: Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth: The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,

Make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard: Alleluia!

Alleluia, declare ye this, and let it be heard: Alleluia!

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:1–14; 4:30

New Testament page 191

Sermon

Symbols of the Spirit: Seal

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

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

Prayer of Christ Ascending to His Father

Olivier Messiaen

§ 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 Heidelberg Catechism

What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

First, that, with the Father and the Son, he is equally eternal God; second, that God's Spirit is also given to me, preparing me through a true faith to share in Christ and all his benefits, that he comforts me and will abide with me forever. Amen.

§ Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

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§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

Postlude

Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost

Johann Sebastian Bach



41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some chords. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

The fourth system concludes the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

ADORATION

Refrain



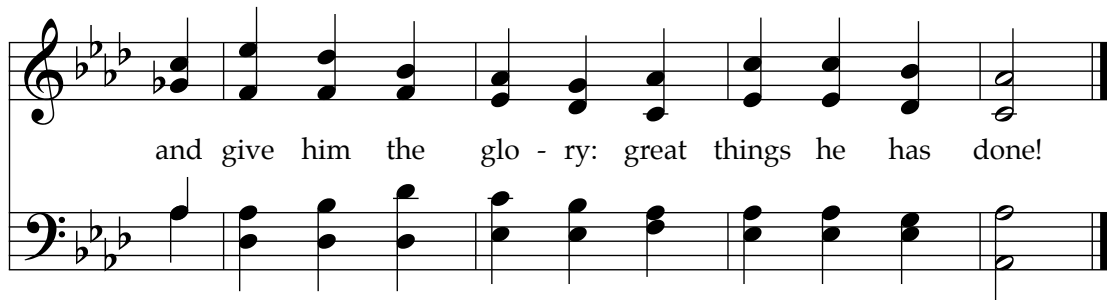
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!



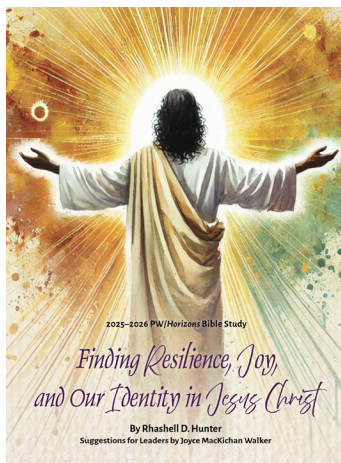
The Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 10

August 13th will be the first day of school for most of our students and youth. During our 11:00 a.m. worship service on August 10th, we want to bless this important tool in their school journey: their backpack. This is something they take to school every day. It holds important papers (like homework), holds tools they need (pencils, pens, rulers, etc.), and holds items they need like water bottles and lunches.

We are encouraging parents to help remind your student to bring their backpack to worship on August 10th. Youth? College students? You are invited to bring yours too!

And, of course, we will be praying for our students, too. Join us as we recognize this important time in the life of our kiddos.



Wednesday Womens Bible Study

Wednesday, September 10

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study resumes their Bible Study meetings on Wednesday, September 10 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study is the Horizon's Presbyterian Women's study Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ. Books are \$14 plus \$1 to help defray shipping cost. Book order will be submitted July 15. For orders after July 15, each individual may order on the Horizon's website. Please reply to Debbie Richardson (817.675.2867) or der817@gmail.com or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com) to be added to the book order. We welcome all women. Group meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month.

You Can Help A Child: Be A Mentor or Prayer Partner

You can encourage a child, let them know that someone cares about them, and help them develop social skills by being a mentor to a student at Blanton Elementary or by being a prayer partner for a mentor and mentee. Mentors meet with the same student once a week almost every week during the school year for an hour or less. The goal is not to tutor the student although you may do a little of that. The goal is to be a consistent adult in the life of the student letting them know that someone cares about them and helping them develop social skills. Mentors do this by doing things like playing games, working on a puzzle, building with legos, reading a book, and visiting with their mentee. Every mentor needs a prayer partner. The prayer partner prays for the mentor and the mentor's mentee throughout the school year. We do all of this through Kids Hope USA which provides online training for mentors and prayer partners. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or prayer partner, please contact Kyle Terwilliger. Kyle's email is kyle@firstprestexas.org.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 7/20	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Hendersonville Mission Trip Overview	12:00 pm
Monday 7/21	
Tuesday 7/22	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
Wednesday 7/23	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting	10:30 am
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 7/24	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Friday 7/25	
Saturday 7/26	

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Drew Stephenson, Newborn Aurora and parents Brendan and Dannielle McWalters, newly baptized Effiom and Oyo-Ita family, Charles Arnold, Nancy Brown, Carol Browning, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Joe and Lila Glenn, the family of Chuck Herda, Margaret Landolt, Charlie Laney, Shawn LeBlanc, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, David Spencer, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Christopher Young, Wolfgang Van Wie

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Linda Bowlin, Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Peter and Rose Engwanah, Ann Scarr, Leonard and 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

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