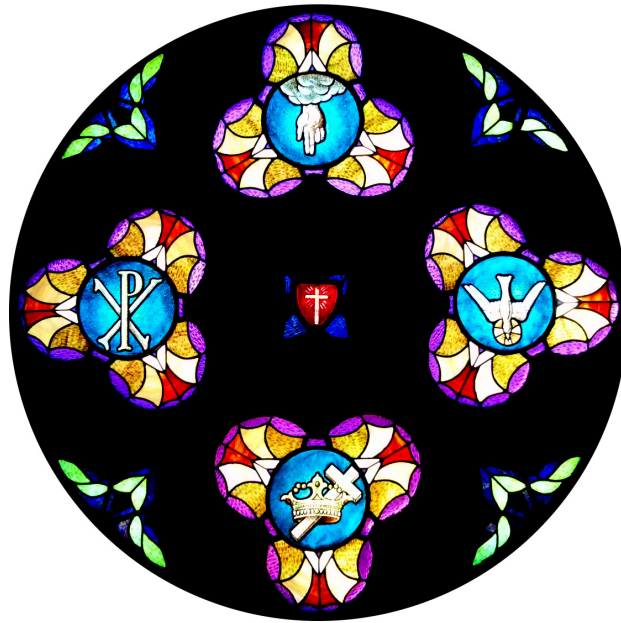


August 3, 2025  
First Presbyterian Church  
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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. Jim Shroyer  
Lay Leader: Bob Watkins  
Organist: Shina Heo

# **The Worship of God** 11:00 a.m.

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

Moment by Moment

James Conely

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Extravagant God, you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match.  
You pour out mercy and cover us with love.  
You show us true justice and offer us peace.  
You provide us with every need and promise us eternal life with you.  
In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world, nothing,  
and no one, shines with your brilliance.  
Bathe us in the light of Christ, illumine us with your Holy Spirit,  
and enable us to live only for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Jim Shroyer

Call to Worship

Brothers and sisters, we have been raised with Christ to new life,  
freed from every fear, and granted every grace.  
**With songs of praise, let us worship God.**

Introit

Let Us Praise God Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

§ Hymn 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

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§ Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts,  
yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life.  
We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed.  
We desire the very things that harm us.  
Forgive us, purify us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri

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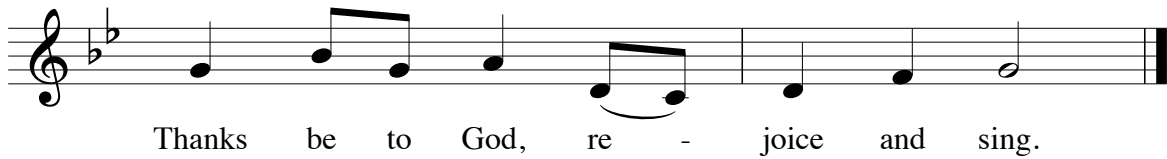
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Proclaiming

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Responsive Reading

*refrain*



O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

**and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

*refrain*

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

**hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.**

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, **and he delivered them from their distress;**

he led them by a straight way, **until they reached an inhabited town.**

*refrain*

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, **for his wonderful works to humankind.**

For he satisfies the thirsty, **and the hungry he fills with good things.**

Let those who are wise pay attention to these things **and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.**

*refrain*

### Children's Time

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

Anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through Him might be saved.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

New Testament page 74

Sermon

"Rich Is Better."

Rev. Shroyer

## Responding

§ Hymn 806

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Lamento

Marcel Dupré

## The Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

*Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, "the body of Christ, broken for you," and, "the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

Prayer after Communion

## Sending

§ Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Outbursts of Joy From a Soul Before the Glory of Christ

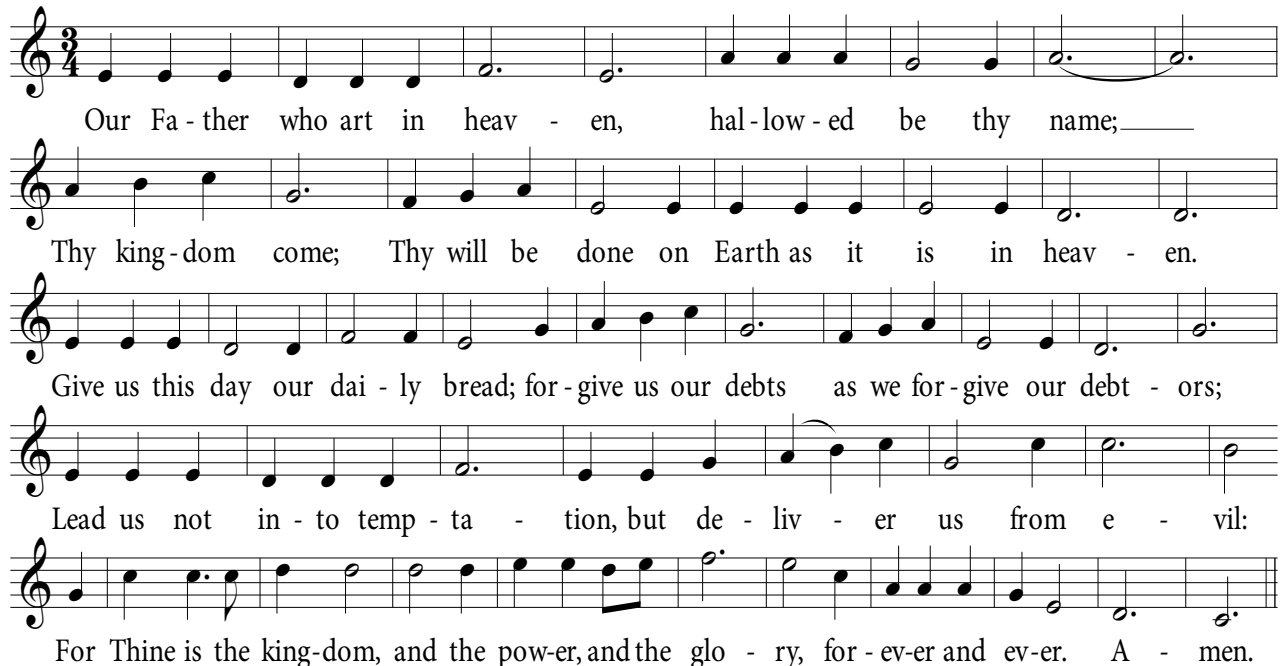
Olivier Messiaen



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## The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; ———

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

# Let Us Break Bread Together 525



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

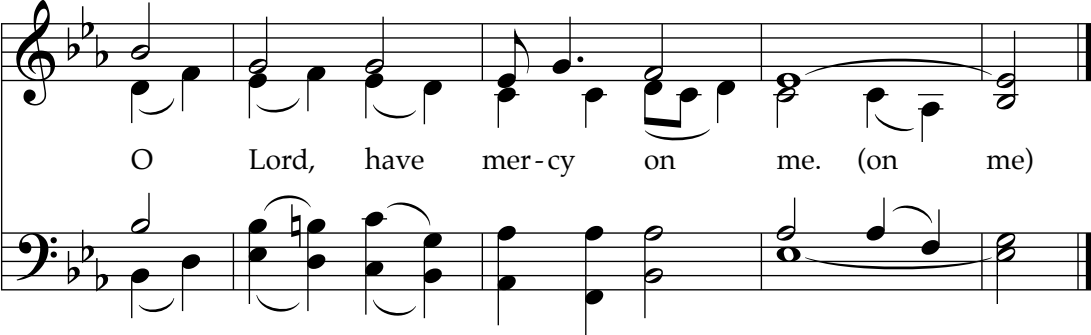


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## Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

## 806

## I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice  
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,  
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports  
 4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.  
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;  
 the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.  
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought  
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed  
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and  
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
 and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.  
 the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.  
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

This paraphrase of Psalm 146 was a great favorite of John Wesley: it appeared in his first hymn collection in 1737 (published in Charleston, South Carolina) and was on his lips when he died. The 16th-century tune to which it is set here is the one Watts had in mind for it.

# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

## Luncheon and Meeting for Families with Children or Youth

Sunday, August 10

The children's and youth ministries will have a luncheon and meeting on August 10th in the Fellowship Hall for families with children or youth. We will be talking about prayer partners, some calendar items, and some overall thoughts for the school year. This will also be a great time to connect with other families. Please join us on August 10th after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.



### 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.

## One Summer, One Book

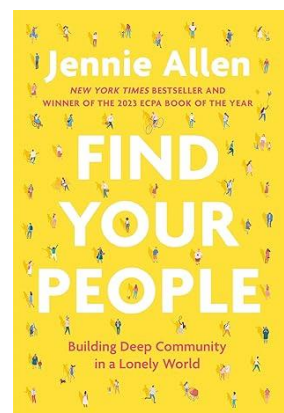
### A 4-Session Summer Book Club for Women

#### Session Dates:

Monday, June 23, 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, July 7, 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, July 21, 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, August 4, 6:30 p.m.

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Books can be purchased  
Wherever books are sold.  
Please bring yours to  
each meeting.



You were created to play, engage, adventure, and explore—with others. In *Find Your People*, you'll discover exactly how to dive into the deep end and experience the full wonder of community. Because while the ache of loneliness is real, it doesn't have to be your reality.

Join your sisters in Christ as we gather to explore Jennie Allen's award-winning book (and YES, there will be snacks!!).

For questions, please email [womensministry@firstprestexas.org](mailto:womensministry@firstprestexas.org)

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8/3	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Monday 8/4	
Tuesday 8/5	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
Wednesday 8/6	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting	10:30 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 8/7	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Prayer Ministry Council Meeting	1:00 pm
Friday 8/8	
Saturday 8/9	

## Prayer Ministry

Have a prayer request?

Send them anytime to [prayer@firstprestexas.org](mailto:prayer@firstprestexas.org)

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

The family of Joe Glenn, Charles Arnold, Nancy Brown, Carol Browning, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Nancy Guerry, Charles and Beverly Koch, Margaret Landolt, Shawn LeBlanc, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, David Spencer, Drew Stephenson, 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:*

Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Margaret Fite, 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](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org)

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