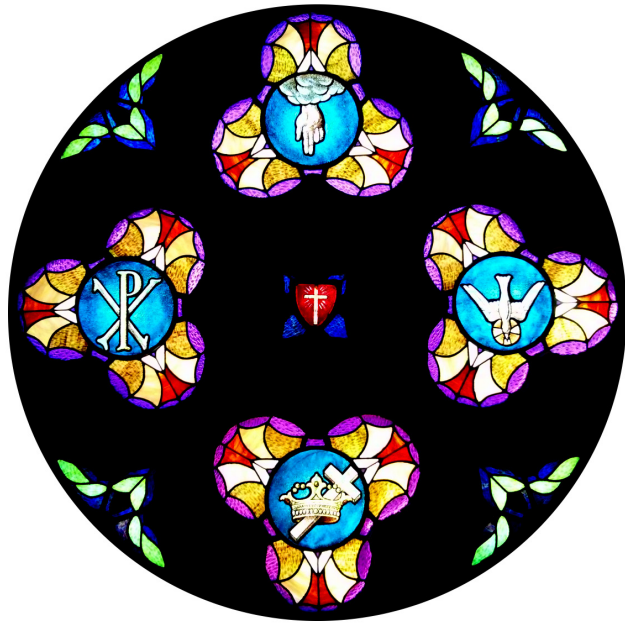


August 10, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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. Dr. John Williams
Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod
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

No. 4 from 6 Canonic Etudes

Robert Schumann

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*O God of promise, Creator of the cosmos,
you are the first light breaking through the void,
and the final light we shall eternally enjoy.
Keep our hearts ever vigilant as we wait to welcome you,
that you would find us clothed in love, dressed for action, and eager to receive you. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Ron MacLeod

Call to Worship

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.

Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Introit

I Sing the Mighty Power

Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

§ Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need,
yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 50:1–8, 22–23

Responsive Reading

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silent;

before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; **your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

Mark this, then, you who forget God, **or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.**

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;

to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God.”

Children’s Time

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

Anthem

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.

Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.

O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.

In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.

O God, remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.

We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.

Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow,

Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32–40

New Testament page 75

Sermon

Stay Ready

Rev. Dr. Williams

Responding

§ Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

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

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

There is no one, there is no one like Jesus.
There is no one, there is no one like Him.
There is no one, there is no one like Jesus.
Nobody, nobody is like Him.

I look here, look there no one, no one.
I search here, search there, no one, no one.
I turn around, turn around, no one, no one.
Nobody, nobody is like Him.

Magnify the Lord with me exalt the name of Jesus,
magnify the Lord with me exalt the name of Jesus.
It is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous on my side.
It is the Lord's doing. I will praise Him, praise Him.

§ 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

**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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

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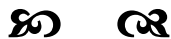
§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Williams

Postlude

Magnificat on "Now Thank We All Our God"

Johann Pachelbel



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275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
 F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

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

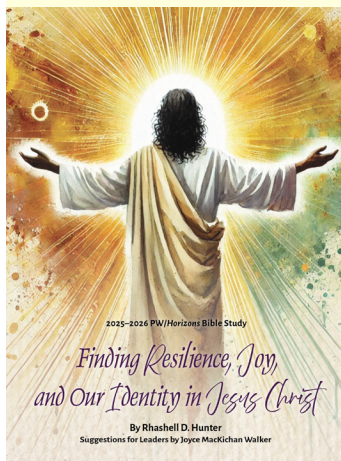
August 13th will be the first day of school for most of our students and youth. During our 11:00 a.m. worship service on August 10th, we want to bless this important tool in their school journey: their backpack. This is something they take to school every day. It holds important papers (like homework),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

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.



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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8/10	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Monday 8/11	
Tuesday 8/12	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
Wednesday 8/13	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting	10:30 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 8/14	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Friday 8/15	
Saturday 8/16	

Prayer Ministry

Have a prayer request?

Send them anytime to prayer@firstprestexas.org

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Jamee Shroyer (cataract surgery), JoAnn Nichols, the family of Joe Glenn, Charles Arnold, Carol Browning, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Nancy Guerry, Bob 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

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