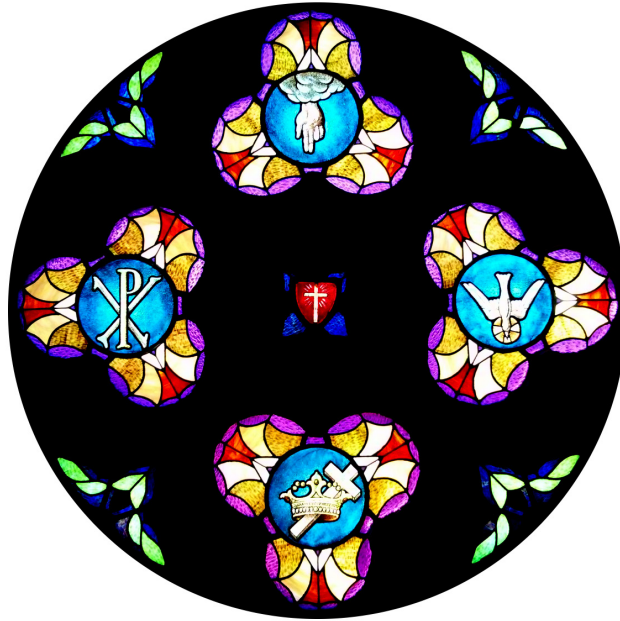


August 17, 2025

First Presbyterian Church

The Tenth 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: Beckie Briggs
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 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Pamela Decker

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us.
You are the hope of the world.*

Give us strength, that we might serve you.

Make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

God gives justice to the weak and the orphan;

God rescues the weak and the needy.

Blessed be the one, holy and living God,

Now and forever.

Introit I Sing the Mighty Power Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies LASST UNS ERFREUEN

§ Prayer of Confession

**God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths
that have led away from you.**

**Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth,
that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

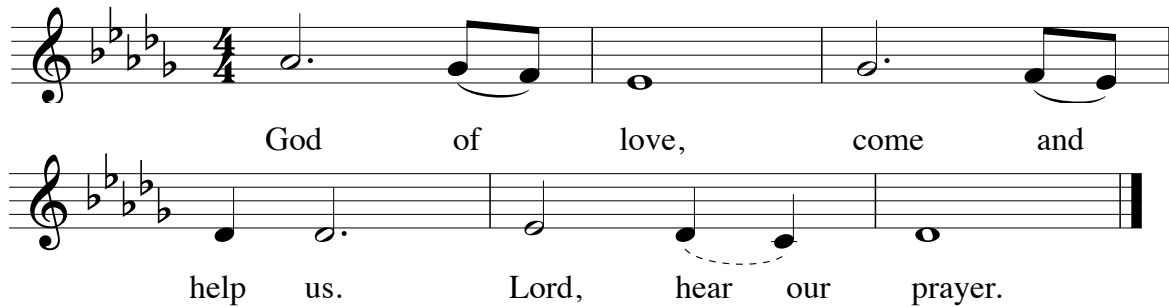
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Proclaiming

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Responsive Reading

refrain



God of love, come and
help us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, **you who lead Joseph like a flock!**

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

You brought a vine out of Egypt; **you drove out the nations and planted it.**

You cleared the ground for it; **it took deep root and filled the land.**

The mountains were covered with its shade, **the mighty cedars with its branches;**
it sent out its branches to the sea **and its shoots to the River.**

refrain

Why then have you broken down its walls, **so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

The boar from the forest ravages it, **and all that move in the field feed on it.**

Turn again, O God of hosts; **look down from heaven and see;**
have regard for this vine, **the stock that your right hand planted.**

refrain

It has been burned with fire; it has been cut down; **may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, **the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

Then we will never turn back from you; **give us life, and we will call on your name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; **let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

refrain

Children's Time

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

Anthem

God Is My Strong Salvation

Austin Lovelace

*God is my strong salvation: What foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near:
Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?*

*Place on the Lord reliance; My soul with courage wait;
His truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate;
His might thy heart shall strengthen, His love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

New Testament page 81

Sermon

Humble Discipleship

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

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

No. 2 from 6 Canonic Etudes

Robert Schumann

§ 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

Why do you say that you are righteous by faith alone?

Not because I please God by virtue of the worthiness of my faith, but because the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ alone are my righteousness before God, and because I can accept it and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone. Amen.

§ Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

Postlude

Toccata for a Joyful Day

Emma Diemer



1200 S Collins St
Arlington, TX 76010

327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

Unison

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a unison setting of 'Al-le-lu-ia!'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with a final cadence on a whole note chord in the final measure.

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

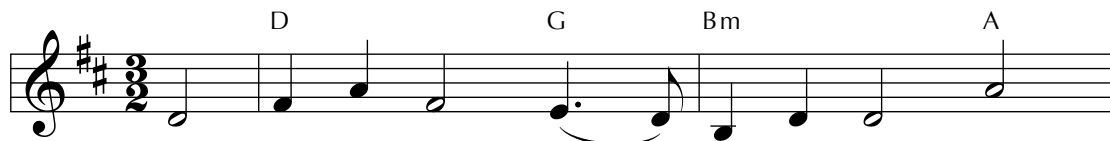
1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

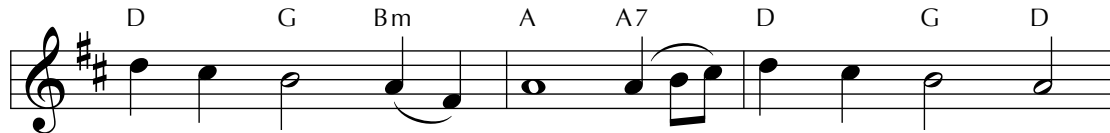
be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

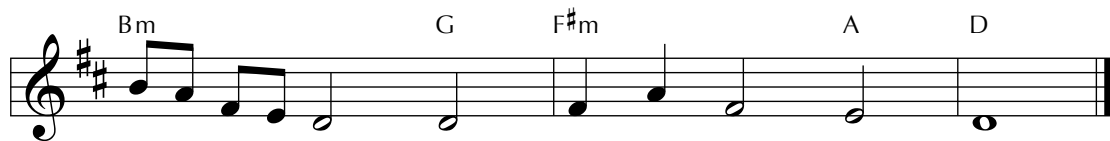
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

Youth & Children's Music Ministries

Sunday, September 7

Children's Music Ministries and Youth Music Ministries resume Sunday, September 7th from 12:45-1:45! Children and youth meet for lunch (provided) in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15.

Contact russell@firstprestexas.org or Laura.Farnell@gmail.com for more information.

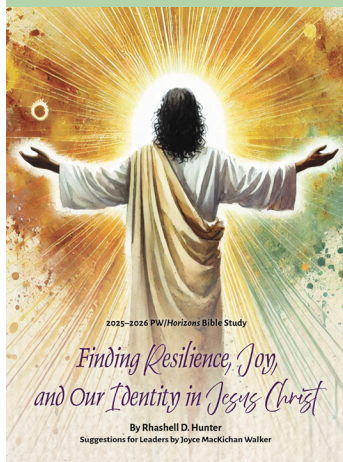
Tuesday Morning Bible Study for Men and Women

September 9 at 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall

The new study is *The Life of Peter: Molded in the Master's Hands*. In this teaching series, Dr. Derek W. H. Thomas offers an encouraging portrait of Peter from the Gospels and the book of Acts, with insights from Peter's own writings later in life. Understanding Peter's transformation from the brash fisherman into the bold Apostle can guide us in pursuit of our own growth in grace.

The study is written by Derek W. H. Thomas who served as a senior minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C. He is Chancellor's Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary.

Study guides are provided. If you wish to buy one, the price is \$15.00.



Wednesday Women's 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.

Fall Festival

Sunday, September 14

The Fellowship Team invites you to the Fall Festival Lunch on September 14, held immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

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 8/17	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Monday 8/18	
Tuesday 8/19	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
Wednesday 8/20	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting	10:30 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 8/21	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Friday 8/22	
Saturday 8/23	

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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