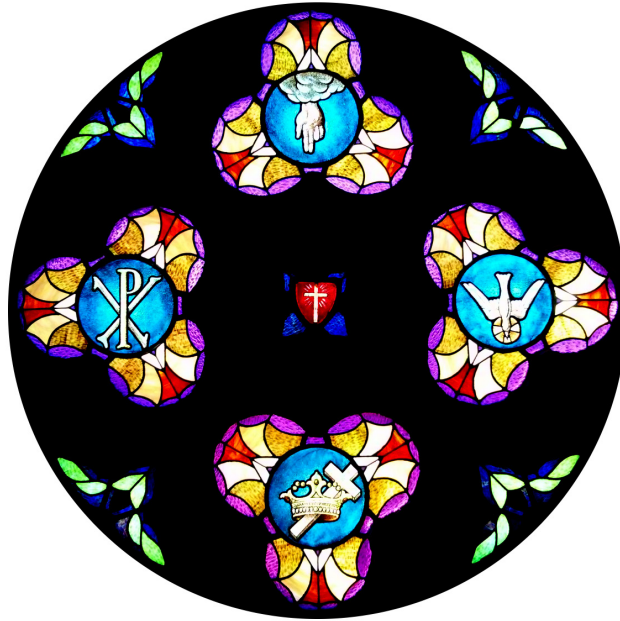


August 24, 2025

# First Presbyterian Church

The Eleventh 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. Ginger Hertenstein Conley

Lay Leader: Jane Leathem

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

God Is at Work

Hyuk Jin Lee

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*God of healing and reconciliation,  
you free us from our burdens and promise us safety and refuge.  
Help us to trust in your power, that we may praise you without qualification  
and rejoice in the power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Jane Leathem

Call to Worship

God is our rock and our fortress,

**Our refuge and strength.**

God is our hope and our trust.

**Praise the Lord!**

Introit

Alleluia

Taizé Community

§ Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

§ Prayer of Confession

**God of justice and love, we confess to you and each other that we have not offered food  
to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted.**

**We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame.**

**We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interests.**

**Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help.**

**Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways, that we may be renewed like a garden freshly watered.**

**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 71:1-6

Responsive Reading

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; **let me never be put to shame.**  
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; **incline your ear to me and save me.**  
Be to me a rock of refuge, **a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**  
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, **from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**  
For you, O Lord, are my hope, **my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**  
From my birth I have leaned upon you, **my protector since my mother's womb.**  
**My praise is continually of you.**

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All

Bob Burroughs

*Jesus, my Lord, my Life, my All, hear me, blest Savior, when I call;  
Hear me, and from Thy dwelling-place pour down the riches of Thy grace:  
Jesus, too late I Thee have sought; how can I love Thee as I ought?  
And how extol thy matchless fame, the glorious beauty of Thy Name?  
Jesus, of Thee shall be my song; to Thee my heart and soul belong:  
All that I have or own is Thine; and Thou, oh, blessed Savior, Thou art mine.  
Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore; O make me love Thee more and more.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:5-13

New Testament page 72

Sermon

Everyone Talks to God Rev. Dr. Ginger Hertenstein Conley

## ***Responding***

§ Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

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

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Johannes Brahms

§ 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 Shorter Catechism

What is prayer?

**Prayer is offering up our desires to God for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and with thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.**

What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

**The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer, but the special rule of direction is the form of prayer that Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's prayer. Amen.**

§ Hymn 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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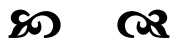
§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Conley

Postlude

Canonnade

Claude Balbastre



Rev. Dr. Ginger Hertenstein Conley pastored First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas. She and the church became known for their active public ministry as they organized Bible storytelling festivals and a community chorus to bring their diverse community together. She led seminars and Community Conversations for city leaders, the city government, the Duncanville Chamber of Commerce, civic clubs, schools, and other churches. The Community Chorus was invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York. She has received numerous awards for her work, including being named Duncanville 2018 Woman of the Year. She holds a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Seminary. In her “past life” she worked for Southwest Airlines.

Ginger and her husband Allen married in December 2021; both having been widowed. Together they have eight children and ten grandchildren. They enjoy family, friends, and traveling.

## 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

## 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness  
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

## 802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
 thy unction grace bestoweth;  
 and O what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
 thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

## This week:

### Sunday, Aug. 24:

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

### Tuesday, Aug. 26

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 10:30 in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, Aug. 27

- Men's Bible Study - 8 a.m. in the Parlor
- Quilting - 10:30 a.m. in room 204
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m. in the choir room
- CWF Bible Study - 7 p.m. in the Parlor

### Thursday, Aug. 28

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Session meeting - 7 p.m. in the Parlor

## Coming up:

### Sunday, Sept. 7

- Youth and Children's Music Ministries resume from 12:45 to 1:45. Lunch is provided in Fellowship Hall at 12:15.

### Sunday, Sept. 14:

- Fall Festival Lunch in Fellowship Hall after worship service

### Friday, Sept. 19

- Family Game Night - 6:30 in Fellowship Hall

## Community:



### Silent auction items needed

Please consider helping young musicians and supporting our Internship in Church Music program by donating an item, service, or experience to our silent auction. The auction will be held Sept. 14 in Fellowship Hall after worship. All donors will be recognized in event materials. Contact Susan Malone at [su\\_mal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:su_mal@sbcglobal.net) or at 817.253.9571.



### Celebrate with us!

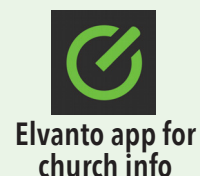
We invite everyone to come celebrate Bettye Burdett's 100th birthday on Saturday, Sept. 6 in her home at 1216 Colonial Ct. Stop by between 2 and 5 p.m. to enjoy a piece of cake and wish Bettye a Happy Birthday.



### Women's Bible Study resumes

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study resumes their meetings on Wednesday, Sept. 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." Contact Debbie Richardson at [der817@gmail.com](mailto:der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick ([sheriq@aol.com](mailto:sheriq@aol.com)) for more information.

## Get connected:



## Prayer ministry:

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

### Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

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

### Pray 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).



## Nominate members for FPCA leadership

We're looking for members who have vision, values, and energy to serve in leadership positions at FPCA. Consider nominating someone (or yourself) for an Elder, Deacon, Congregational Nominating Team member, or trustee. You can submit nominations in the box in the Narthex, email your nomination to [info@firstprestexas.org](mailto:info@firstprestexas.org), or reach out to Matt Annen at [mattannen@yahoo.com](mailto:mattannen@yahoo.com).



## Join us for a magic show and pizza

All aboard for a magical journey to the Land of Fun and Wonder with Choo Choo the magical train conductor! This fun magic show for children, families, and the young at heart will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 in the Fellowship Hall. After the magic show, we will have free pizza and time for fellowship. Please invite some friends and come join the fun.

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