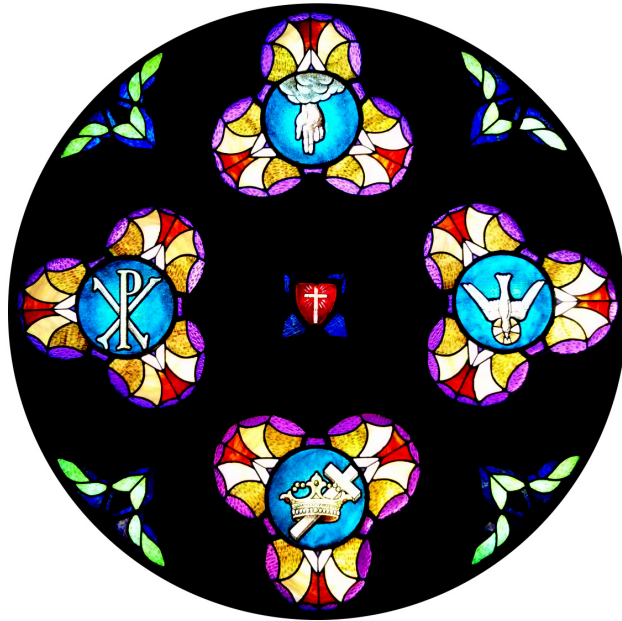


First Presbyterian Church Arlington

August 31, 2025

The Twelfth 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: Nomi Gomi

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

Abide With Me

Victor Johnson

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Eternal God, help us to measure our time in faithful generosity, that your will be done,
your kingdom come, for life everlasting, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord.

I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue and honor them.

With thanksgiving and praise,

Let us worship God.

Introit

Alleluia

Taizé Community

§ Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

§ Prayer of Confession

**O God, we have sinned, hoarding what we have, grasping for more,
and ignoring those who hunger and thirst.**

Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you love. 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 81:1, 10–16

Responsive Reading

refrain



God a - lone be praised. Bless the Lord for - ev - er - more.

Sing aloud to God our strength; **shout for joy to the God of Jacob.**

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

refrain

But my people did not listen to my voice; **Israel would not submit to me.**

So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, **to follow their own counsels.**

O that my people would listen to me, **that Israel would walk in my ways!**

Then I would quickly subdue their enemies **and turn my hand against their foes.**

refrain

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

refrain

Children's Time

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

Anthem

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.*

*Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Thy will be always praising thee.*

*The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handiwork.*

*O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19–31

New Testament page 79

Sermon

Sympathetic Discipleship

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

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

It Is Well With My Soul

arr. Mark Hayes

David Terwilliger, baritone, Nora Sanders, soprano, Laura Farnell, piano

§ 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 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Forward Through the Ages

Marianne Kim



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For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

463 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

This week:

Sunday, Aug. 31

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

Monday, Sept. 1

Church office closed

Tuesday, Sept. 2

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

Wednesday, Sept. 3

- 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
- CFW Bible Study - 7 p.m. in the Parlor

Thursday, Sept. 4

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Prayer Ministry Council meeting - 1 p.m. in the conference room

Saturday, Sept. 6

- Magic Show and Pizza dinner - 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

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 Luncheon in Fellowship Hall after worship service

Community:



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 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, or reach out to Matt Annen at 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 performed at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 in Fellowship Hall. After the magic show, we will have free pizza and time for fellowship. Please invite some friends and come join the fun.

Silent Auction items needed

Please consider helping young musicians and supporting 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 or at 817.253.9571.

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Prayer Ministry:

Send prayer requests to prayer@firstprestexas.org

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

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.

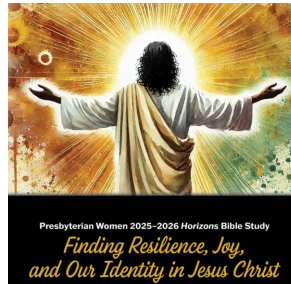
If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate Jim Shroyer at 682.445.0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org.



wish Bettye a Happy Birthday.

Celebrate with us!

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



Women's Bible Study resumes

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study resumes their meetings Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. in 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 or Sheri Quick at sheriq@aol.com for more information.

Attend the Fall Festival Luncheon

The church community autumn season kicks off Sunday, Sept. 14 when the Fellowship team will host a fun-filled, food-filled, music-filled luncheon. The event will feature a silent auction, music from the Internship in Church Music students, delicious food, and a scholarship presentation. Plan to head to Fellowship Hall right after worship to enjoy.

Staff directory:

Chris Campbell	Lead Pastor
Russell Farnell	Minister of Music/Facilities Admin
Jim Shroyer	Parish Associate
Stephanie Arredondo	Interim Director of Youth Ministry
Kyle Terwilliger	Director of Children's Ministry
Shina Heo	Organist
Cheryl Harris	Music Ministry Associate
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