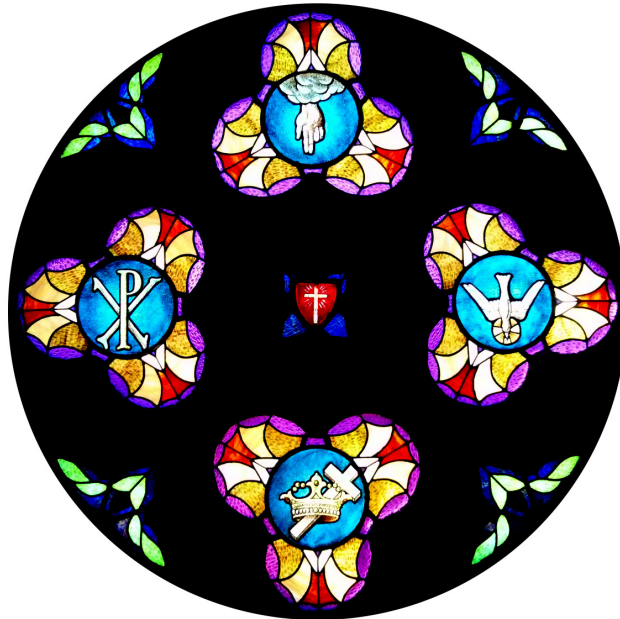


# First Presbyterian Church Arlington

September 14, 2025

The Fourteenth 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: Larry Stephenson

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

O Thou, in Whose Presence

Tae-Sook Kang

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Holy God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness. Help us to walk in your footsteps, so that we never lose our way. Enable us to live and love in the way you have taught us, so that we can act in grace, even with those who we consider our enemies. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

People of God, bless the Lord,

**Bless God's holy name.**

For as high as the heavens are high above the earth,

**So great is God's steadfast love for us.**

Introit

Alleluia

Taizé Community

§ Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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§ Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, we confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow upon your saints. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business. We have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends. We have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 98:1–5

Responsive Reading

*refrain*



Sing to the Lord a new song.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

**His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.**

*refrain*

The Lord has made known his victory; **he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

*refrain*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

*refrain*

Children's Time

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

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth*

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25–37

New Testament page 71

Sermon

Neighborly Discipleship

Rev. Campbell

## Responding

§ Hymn 688

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

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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

The Creator of heaven and earth, the Alpha and Omega  
He made man in his own image. Every knee shall bow down.

It is a great thing to serve the Lord,  
Walking in the light of God,

Nearer my God to thee,  
Nearer to thee.

§ 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 Shorter Catechism

Where is the moral law given in summary form?

**The moral law is summarized in the Ten Commandments.**

What is the summary of the Ten Commandments?

**The summary of the Ten Commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.**

§ Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty

Aaron Miller

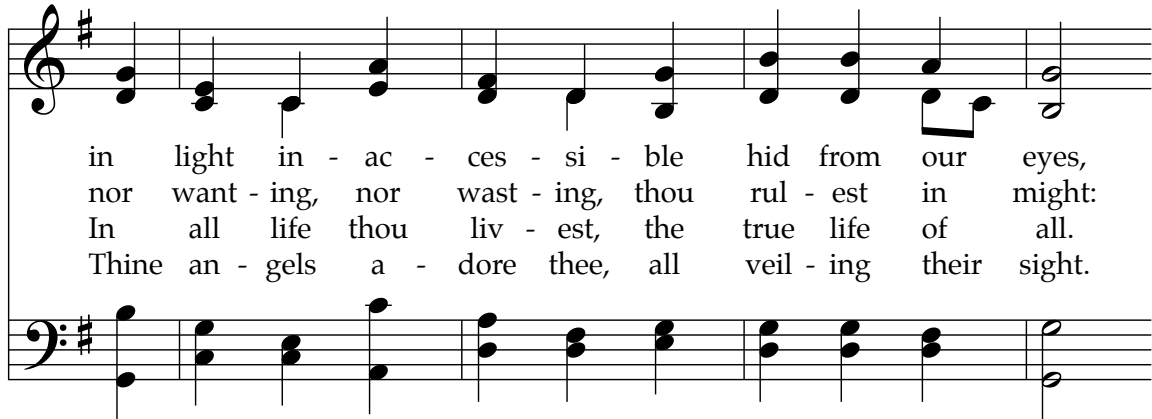


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# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



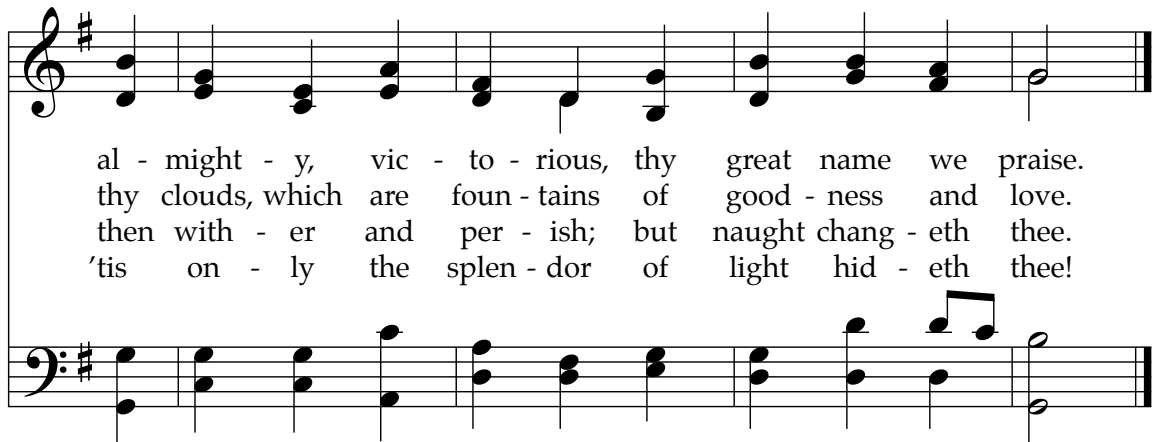
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see




al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

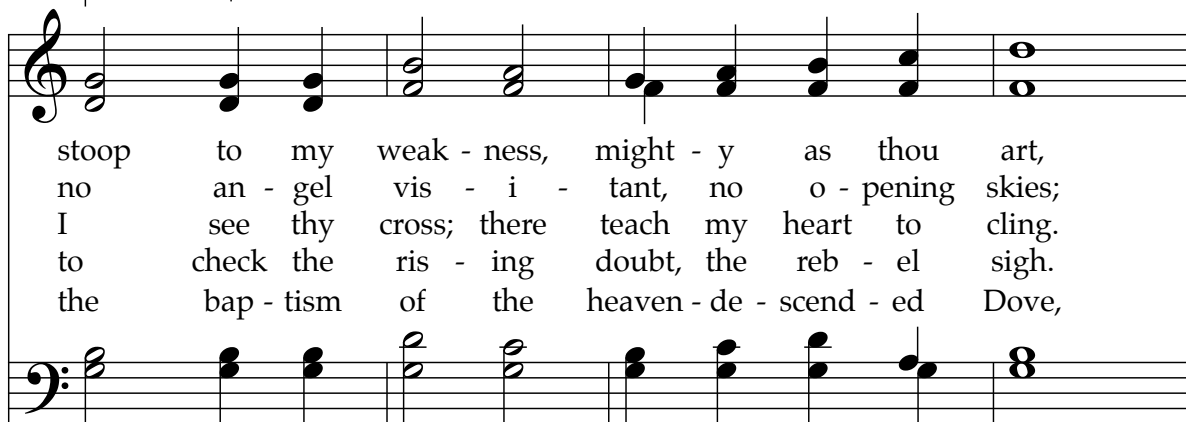
# Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688



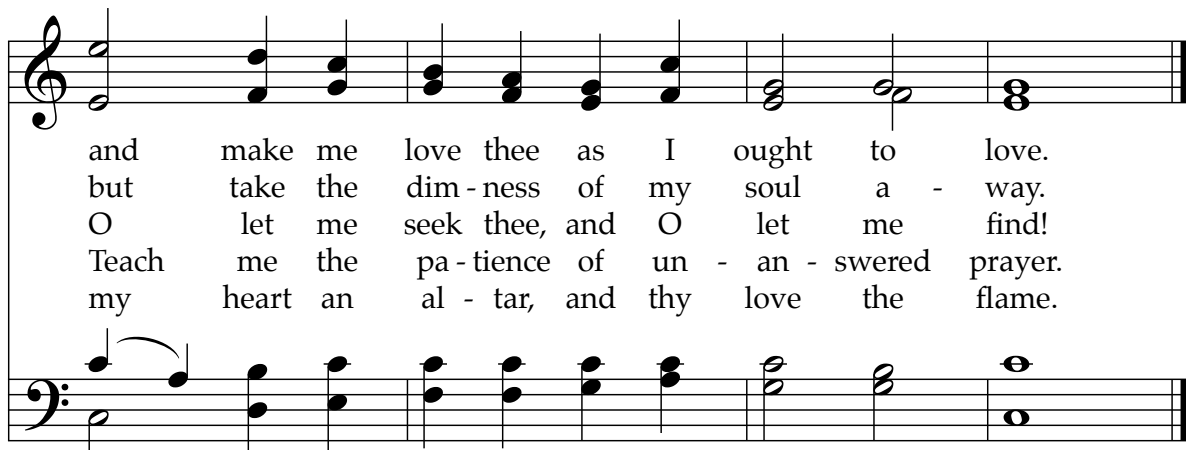
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.  
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,



wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.  
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,



and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be


and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Refrain



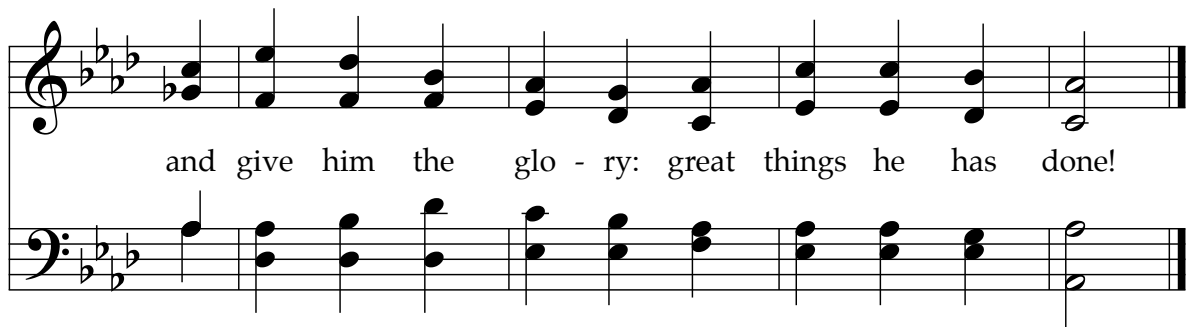
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!



## This week:

### Sunday, Sept. 14

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Fall Festival Luncheon in Fellowship Hall - 12 p.m.
- Youth and Children's Music Ministries - 12:45 p.m.

### Tuesday, Sept. 16

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

### Wednesday, Sept. 17

- Men's Bible Study - 8 a.m. in room 204
- Quilting - 10:30 a.m. in room 204
- Ring of Praise Handbells - 6 p.m. in the choir room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m. in the choir room
- CFW Bible Study - 7 p.m. in the Parlor

### Thursday, Sept. 18

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Jason's Deli fundraiser - 5 to 9 p.m.

### Friday, Sept. 19

- Children's Ministry Family Game Night - 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

## Coming up:

### Thursday, Sept. 25

- Saints Alive Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, Oct. 9

- Arlington Life Shelter Road Home Luncheon at North Davis Church of Christ

## Community:

### Attend the Fall Festival Luncheon today!



The church community autumn season kicks off after worship today 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.



### 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](mailto:info@firstprestexas.org), or reach out to Matt Annen at [mattannen@yahoo.com](mailto:mattannen@yahoo.com)

### Support the Arlington Life Shelter

FPCA was the beginning of what became the Arlington Life Shelter. In Fellowship Hall we provided shelter for homeless individuals when the nights were freezing. Let's fill two tables at the Road Home Luncheon Thursday, Oct. 9 to hear empowering stories and learn how you can help those in need. Sign up by contacting Marge or Bob Dawson (214.415.5396), the church office, or visit [arlingtonlifeshelter.org](http://arlingtonlifeshelter.org).

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# Prayer Ministry:

Send prayer requests to [prayer@firstprestexas.org](mailto: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, Jay Graham, 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:

Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Wolfgang Van Wie, Christopher Young

## Prayers for our home-bound members:

Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Margaret Fite, Ann Scarr, Leonard and Mary Jane Tibbetts, Dee Uhri

## 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).

## Fred Kurz Scholarship winner selected



This year's Fred Kurz Memorial Scholarship recipient is Miriam (Molly) Bolles. The Kurz Scholarship Award is given annually to a Divinity student in memory of Fred Kurz. Fred was an active member of FPCA, as were his parents, Fred and Georgia Kurz. He died in

1979 at 22 years old while attending UTA. His parents started the scholarship in his memory.

Molly has a Bachelors Degree from Texas Women's University and is currently attending Brite Divinty School with plans to graduate with a Masters Degree in Spring 2028. She hopes to become an associate pastor at a Presbyterian Church and to create programming for neurodivergent individuals.

Molly currently serves as a Deacon at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Bedford. She participates in the church choir and has launched a Youngish Group gathering to create space for individuals in the church and community. She also volunteers at a camp for children with special needs and has served on mission trips.

"Jesus has always been the model of empathy and care that I strive to have for the others around me," Molly said. "I believe the gardener of salvation is always watching over me as I am growing into a deep-rooted carrot whose leafy green top may seem small or wilted to others. But the caretaker who is all-knowing can see through the dirt and grime to my firm foundation of faith that not even I fully understand. The Holy Spirit will often take me by surprise and give me sudden moments of clarity and understanding as if to say, "Took you long enough. It's time to catch up."

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