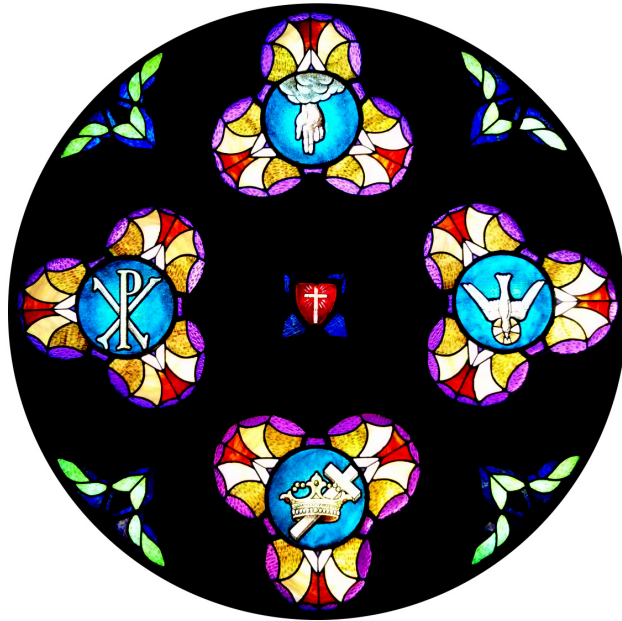


First Presbyterian Church Arlington

September 21, 2025

The Fifteenth 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: Clara Formusoh

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. 3 from Canonic Etudes

Robert Schumann

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value.
Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments
and share your gospel, that all may enter into the joy of Christ. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord!

The Lord hears the cries of the people.

The works of the Lord are great.

Remember what God has done.

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise are due to the Lord!

Introit

Alleluia

Taizé Community

§ Hymn 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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§ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done.

Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

Sacrament of Baptism

§ 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.**

Proclaiming

Psalm 79:1-9

Responsive Reading

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple;
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

**They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food,
the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.**

They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.

We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.

How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever? **Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?**

Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you and on the kingdoms that do not call on
your name. For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.

Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;

let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;

deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Gloria Festiva

Emily Crocker

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus.
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to all people.

*Let the nations now rejoice.
Let the earth resound with gladness.
Lift your praise with voices strong and join the mighty throng.*

*Come all rejoice in the light and banish fear and sorrow.
O wondrous love, surround us, and grant us peace eternal.
Gloria!*

Gospel Readings

Matthew 25:14–30

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Sermon

Faithful Discipleship

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHERE PONI

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

Largo e spiccato from Concerto in D minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

§ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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

§ Hymn 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

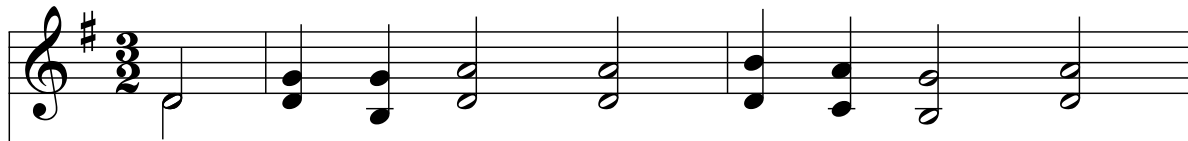
Thee, O God, We Praise

Charles Tournemire

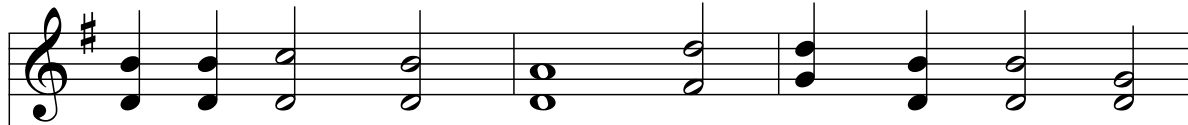
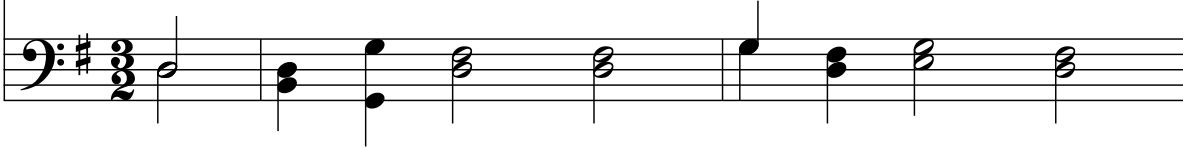


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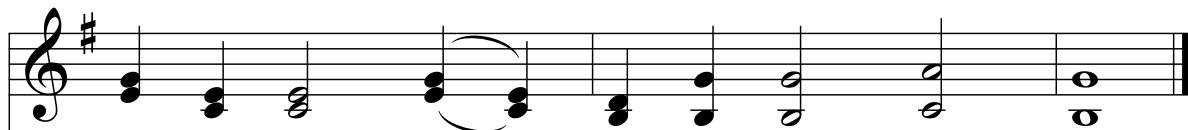
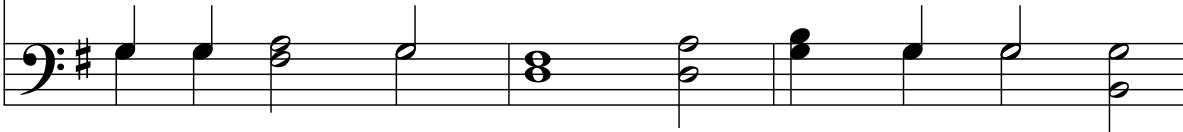
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.



SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

This week:

Sunday, Sept. 21

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

Tuesday, Sept. 23

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Women's Ministry Fall Study - 7 p.m. online

Wednesday, Sept. 24

- Men's Bible Study - 8 a.m. in the Parlor
- 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. 25

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Saints Alive Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Session Meeting - 7 p.m. in the Parlor

Saturday, Sept. 27

- Panera fundraiser - 4 to 8 p.m.

Coming up:

Sunday, Sept. 28

- Luncheon for families with children or youth - 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Oct. 5

- J. Gilligan's fundraiser all day
- HOPE Tutoring Night of Hope Gala - 6 p.m.

Community:

Join us for Saints Alive potluck!

Come one, come all: Please come and join with us for Saints Alive! Saints Alive is a bring-your-favorite-dish luncheon on the last Thursday of the month at 11:30 or earlier to visit before lunch. Our first date will be Thursday, Sept. 25. We're looking forward to a great year ahead!

Luncheon for families with children or youth Sept. 28

Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship Sept. 28 for lunch and a meeting about this year's events and curriculum. Come enjoy lunch and connect with other families.

Women's Ministry Fall Study begins Tuesday at 7 p.m. online



Women's Ministry would like to invite our ladies to the 2025 Fall Study, held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. online. In this study, we will dive into one essential element of this discipline: forgiveness. *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*, by Lysa TerKeurst, is a six-session study for finding freedom, peace, and

healing by understanding what the Bible teaches about this topic.

To join us, please sign up on the FPCA website under Adult Ministries. (A Zoom meeting link will be emailed prior to the first session).

Attendees will want to bring a copy of the study guide for *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*, which can be purchased wherever books are sold.

With questions or for more information, please email womensministry@firstprestexas.org.

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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, 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.



Nominate 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



Sign up for daily devotional texts

Start your day with uplifting, encouraging words! Sign up to receive daily devotional texts from FPCA and the Next Step series, beginning

Oct. 26 through Nov. 16. The texts will include spiritual reflections and practices related to prayer, service, giving, and discipleship. To sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/FPCANextStep>, scan the QR code, or fill in your cell number in the Friendship Pad in the pew. Invite friends and family members who may want a daily dose of fulfilling spirituality, too.



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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