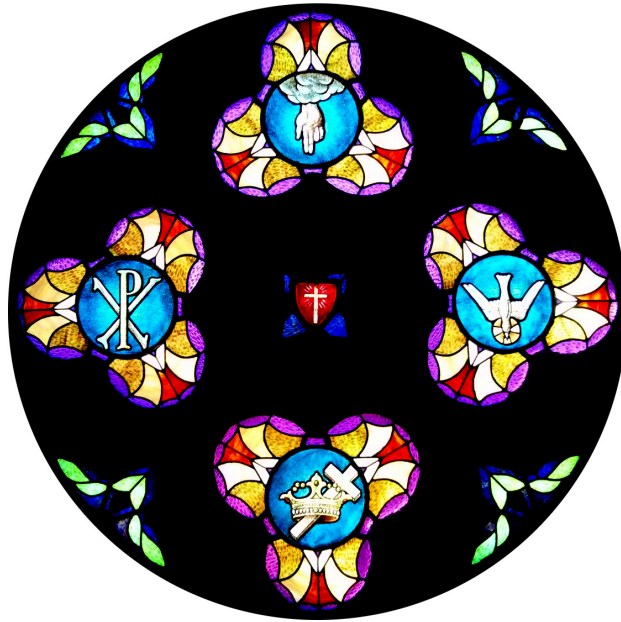


# First Presbyterian Church Arlington

September 28, 2025

The Sixteenth 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: Scott May  
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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Gordon Young

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Great God of love, we praise you—for you wash away the dust of death;  
you kiss away the shame of sin, and anoint us with your Holy Spirit.  
Pour out your blessing in this place, and let your grace flow through our lives  
as we spread the news of your saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
**Glory to God! Amen.**

Introit

Alleluia

Taizé Community

**§ Hymn 1** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

**§ Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you know what kind of people we are.  
We judge others harshly and fail to see our own sin.  
We look with suspicion and fear, and neglect to show hospitality to strangers.  
We treasure things that are worthless and squander your precious gifts.  
We withhold the grace and love that you give us so freely.  
Forgive us. Pour out your grace upon us to save us from our sin. Amen.**

**§ Assurance of Pardon**

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

**§ Gloria Patri**

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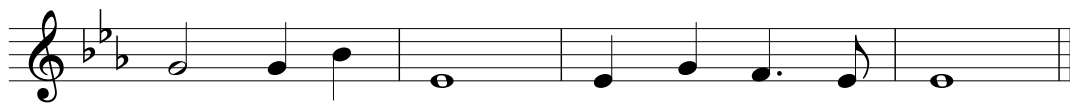
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Proclaiming

Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16,

Responsive Reading

*refrain*



God is my light. Bless God's ho - ly name.

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, **who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,** will say to the Lord, **“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”**

*refrain*

For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;

**he will cover you with his pinions,**

and under his wings you will find refuge; **his faithfulness is a shield and defense.**

You will not fear the terror of the night, **or the arrow that flies by day,**

or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, **or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

*refrain*

Those who love me, I will deliver; **I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them; **I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.**

With long life I will satisfy them **and show them my salvation.**

*refrain*

### Children's Time

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

### Anthem

#### The Wondrous Cross

Austin Lovelace

*When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.  
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, love so divine, demands my life, my all.*

### Gospel Reading

Luke 7:36–50

New Testament page 66

### Sermon

Loving Discipleship

Rev. Campbell

## Responding

§ Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Robert Hebble

§ 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

Philippians 2:5–11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

§ Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Passacaglia in E Minor

Joseph Rheinberger



1200 S Collins St  
Arlington, TX 76010

# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.;

Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera

MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

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# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
 F Dm B<sup>b</sup>

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)  
 F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
 Dm Am Dm B<sup>b</sup> C F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)  
 Dm B<sup>b</sup> F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

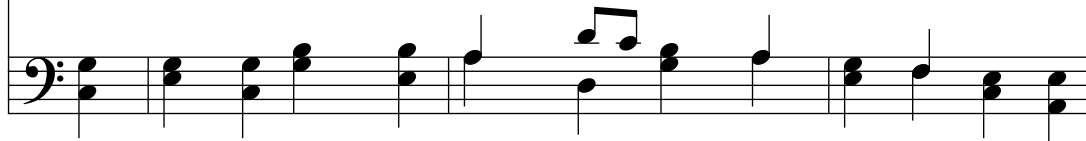
*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

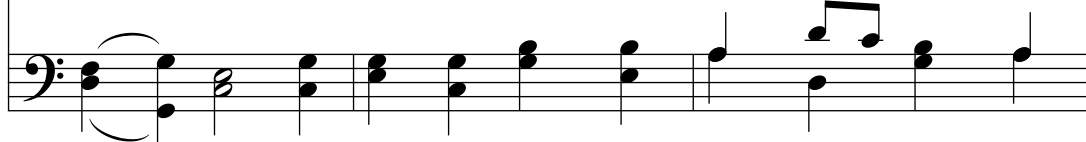
# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



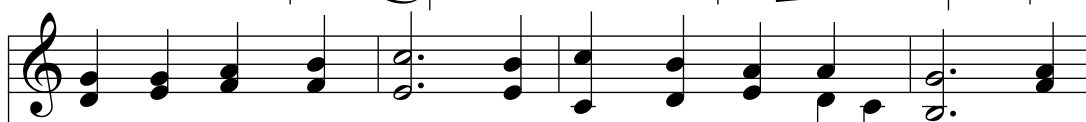
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The music is in a common time signature (C) and features a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily composed of chords and single notes, with some phrasing slurs. The lyrics are: "armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual. age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle. lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him. truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er."



## This week:

### Sunday, Sept. 28

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Luncheon for families with children or youth - 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Youth and Children's Music Ministries - 12:45 p.m.

### Tuesday, Sept. 30

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- HOPE tutoring - 6:30 p.m. in room 218
- Women's Ministry Fall Study - 7 p.m. online

### Wednesday, Oct. 1

- 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, Oct. 2

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

## Coming up:

### Sunday, Oct. 5

- CWF new member celebration - 10 a.m. in the Chapel
- J. Gilligan's fundraiser all day
- HOPE Tutoring Night of Hope Gala - 6 p.m.

### Thursday, Oct. 9

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

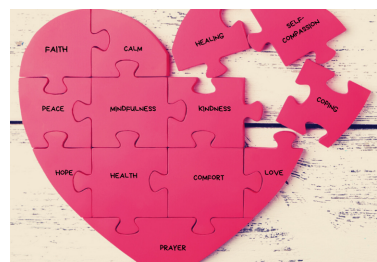
### Thursday, Oct. 30

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

## Community:

### 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.



### Help launch a group to support widows

Does FPCA want or need a group specifically for widows? We could

start a group for videos and encouragement for several weeks. Or we could simply go to lunch once a month. If you're interested, let's meet briefly in the parlor at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6. Or call Pastor Jim at 682.445.0155, or send an email to [jim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org).

### Celebrate HOPE Tutoring

HOPE Tutoring is hosting its annual Night of Hope Gala Sunday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Reyes Ballroom in Arlington. The event will feature dinner, an awards banquet, a silent auction, and the presentation of the inspiring Heart of Hope Award. Go to [hopetutoring.org](http://hopetutoring.org) or see Bob Dawson to purchase tickets for the gala.

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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).

## Welcome to new FPCA member Jotham Talemwa!



“My name is Jotham Talemwa and I'm 17 years old. I was born in Uganda and raised in the U.S. since the age of two. I was raised non-denominational/Pentecostal, but I put my faith in Christ back in early 2020 at the age of 11 and I was baptized in February of 2024.

Afterwards, as I learned scripture and as I was convinced of Reformed Theology, I was led to attend a Presbyterian church, specifically, First Presbyterian Church Arlington.”

Jotham has been an active member of the FPCA youth group and has served in leadership roles in Sunday services. Please welcome and congratulate Jotham in the Narthex after worship today.

## Support the Arlington Life Shelter

FPCA was the beginning of what became the Arlington Life Shelter. In the 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 [arlingtonlifeshester.org](http://arlingtonlifeshester.org).

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