

First Presbyterian Church Arlington

October 5, 2025

The Seventeenth 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: Anna Njei

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

See the Birds That Fly the Heavens

Tae Sook Kang

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Creator God, the heavens radiate your glory! You have set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a joyful bridegroom from his wedding canopy. May we emerge from night's waiting with such rampant joy that we, too, radiate your glory throughout this day.
In the name of the Son of righteousness who has risen with healing in his wings. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

Introit

When at This Table

Jane Marshall

§ Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLECOMBE

§ Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill.

You cleared away the stone, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day.

But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired.

We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice.

Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Proclaiming

Psalm 37:1–9

Responsive Reading

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good; **live in the land and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the Lord, **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord; **trust in him, and he will act.**

He will make your vindication shine like the light, **and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord, **and wait patiently for him;**

do not fret over those who prosper in their way, **over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. **Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut off, **but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing
Youth Music Ministries Singers

Laura Farnell

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.

Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come.

And I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God.

He to rescue me from danger interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.

Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, Lord take and seal it, for thy courts above!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1–13

New Testament page 28

Sermon

Prepared Discipleship

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Praise Be to You, Jesus Christ

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, "the body of Christ, broken for you," and, "the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 537

When at This Table

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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

David Kidwell



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The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; _____
Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:
For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joo bá diits' a'
 yisdáshútinigí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da út'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

When at This Table

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Capo 1: (D) (Bm) (Em) (G) (A)
 Eb Cm Fm Ab Bb

1 When at this ta - ble I re - ceive a bless - ing,
 2 If at this ta - ble I have need of heal - ing,
 3 If at this ta - ble I for - get the hun - gry,
 4 If at this ta - ble I make ded - i - ca - tion
 5 What faith I have, I bring to join this ta - ble,

(F#m) (Bm) (G) (A)
 Gm Cm Ab Bb

the bro - ken bread, the wine of life for me,
 un - bid - den grief, re - la - tion - ship gone wrong,
 the dis - pos - sessed and war - fare's spread - ing stain,
 to give my life in serv - ing what is good,
 what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;

(C) (G) (Am7) (D) (G)
 Db Ab Bbm7 Eb Ab

then let me share the peace with you, my neigh - bor,
 then let me know the hands of God en - fold - ing,
 then let this bread be - come the bread of judg - ment,
 then let my cen - ter be where God in - vites me,
 with broth - ers, sis - ters, I will share the bless - ing,

(A7) (D) (Bm) (Gmaj7) (A7) (D)
 Bb7 Eb Cm Abmaj7 Bb7 Eb

and let the Spir - it set our spir - its free.
 and let la - ment be - come be - liev - ing song.
 this wine the sharp a - ware - ness of that pain.
 and show the words of Je - sus un - der - stood.
 the feast where God is mak - ing all things new.

Though cast in an individual's voice, this prayerful text shows a strong communal awareness of the people gathered around the Lord's Table, their personal burdens, and matters of both local and global concern. The final two stanzas reflect renewed spiritual strength and resolve.

This week:

Sunday, Oct. 5

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- CWF new member celebration - 10 a.m. in the Chapel
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Youth and Children's Music Ministries - 12:45 p.m.
- J. Gilligan's fundraiser all day
- HOPE Tutoring Night of Hope Gala - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

- 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. 8

- 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. 9

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Arlington Life Shelter Road Home Luncheon - noon at North Davis Church of Christ
- Fellowship Team meeting - 4:30 p.m. in room 210
- Team meetings - 7 p.m.

Coming up:

Friday, Oct. 17

- Family Game Night - 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

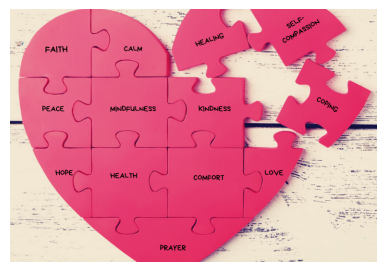
Saturday, Oct. 25

- Trunk or Treat from 4 to 6 p.m.

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. 20 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.

Celebrate HOPE Tutoring tonight!

HOPE Tutoring is hosting its annual Night of Hope Gala tonight — 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 or see Bob Dawson to purchase tickets for the gala.

Get  connected:



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Prayer Ministry:

Send prayer requests to prayer@firstprestexas.org

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Lisa Landolt, Charles Arnold, Carol Browning, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Jay and Susan Graham, Nancy Guerry, Bob and Beverly Koch, Margaret Landolt, Shawn LeBlanc, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrobeck, Tonya Scrobeck, 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, Teresa Hanson, 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

Join us for Family Game Night!

Children's ministry will have a family game night and pizza on Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family's favorite games and enjoy some fellowship with other families.

Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 25

Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. We will need lots of candy and volunteers. Candy



donations can be placed in the gray donation boxes around the church or by the children's ministry area. If you would like to volunteer to help set up, give out candy, run games, or help with anything else, please email Kyle Terwilliger at kyle@firstprestexas.org.

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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