

# First Presbyterian Church Arlington

October 12, 2025

The Eighteenth 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: Mason Kirbie

Organist: Beverly Howard

# The Worship of God 11:00 a.m.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

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Please fill out the Friendship Pad in your row.*

## Gathering

Prelude

Jubilation

Jayson Payne

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Creator God, God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy. Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. You continue to heal and to save, transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set. For such expansive love, it is our right, duty, and joy to offer you all our thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done.

**He is awesome in his deeds.**

God turned the sea into dry land.

**His people passed through the river on foot.**

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth.

**Sing the glory of God's name.**

Introit

Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises

South African

§ Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

§ Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always.**

**We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude.**

**We harbor resentment for what we lack.**

**We blame you; we blame others.**

**We doubt your compassion, even your power.**

**We find it hard to give ourselves away to you, or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving.**

**Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit.**

**Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save.**

**We pray in Christ's name. 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 66:1-12

Responsive Reading

*refrain*



Praise the Lord! Lift ev - 'ry voice! Al - le - lu - ia, sing, re-joice!

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; **give to him glorious praise.**  
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

**Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.**

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, **sing praises to your name.**"

*refrain*

Come and see what God has done: **he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

He turned the sea into dry land; **they passed through the river on foot.**

There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

**let the rebellious not exalt themselves.**

*refrain*

Bless our God, O peoples; **let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.**

For you, O God, have tested us; **you have tried us as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; **you let people ride over our heads;**  
we went through fire and through water; **yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

*refrain*

### Children's Time

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

Anthem

Treasures in Heaven

Joseph Cokely

*Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, Where moth and rust doth corrupt,  
And where thieves break through and steal, But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

*Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find;  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you,  
For everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth,  
And to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

New Testament page 74

Sermon

Stewarding Discipleship

Rev. Campbell

## Responding

§ Hymn 362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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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

Let's rejoice in the Lord Christ for the joy of His holy name.

Up on the mountain top, down in the valley below, go and tell the love of Jesus.  
Go and tell it everywhere.

§ 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

Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, not things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

§ Hymn 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Song of Joy

Christopher Boodle



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1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

GATHERING

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

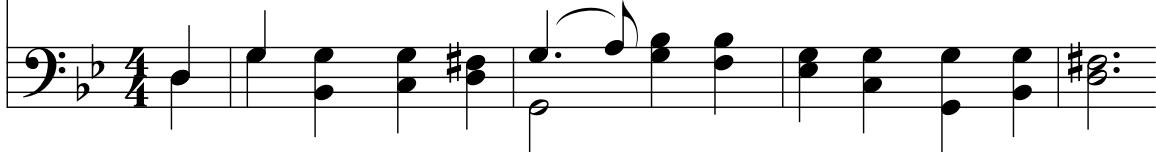
var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

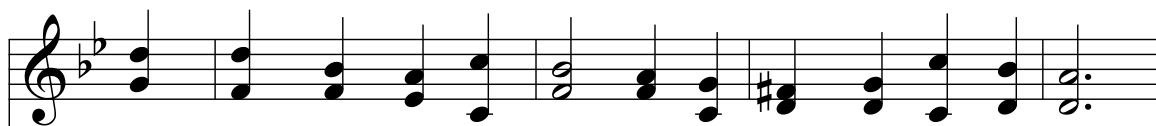
# 362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

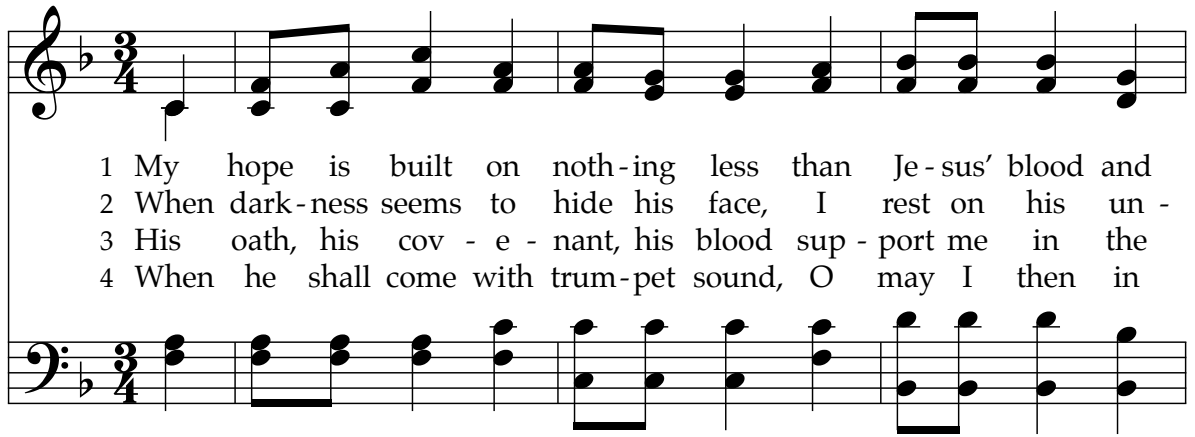


Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride-groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

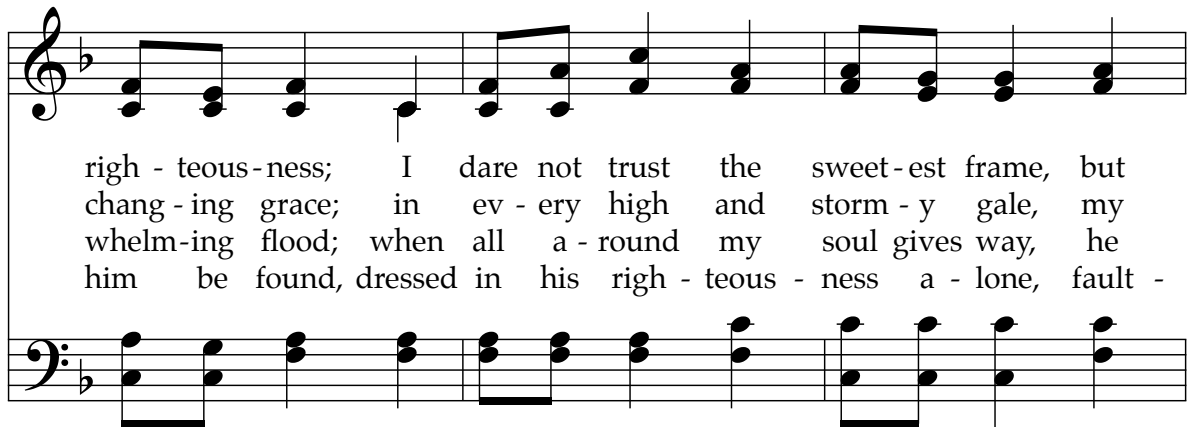


The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

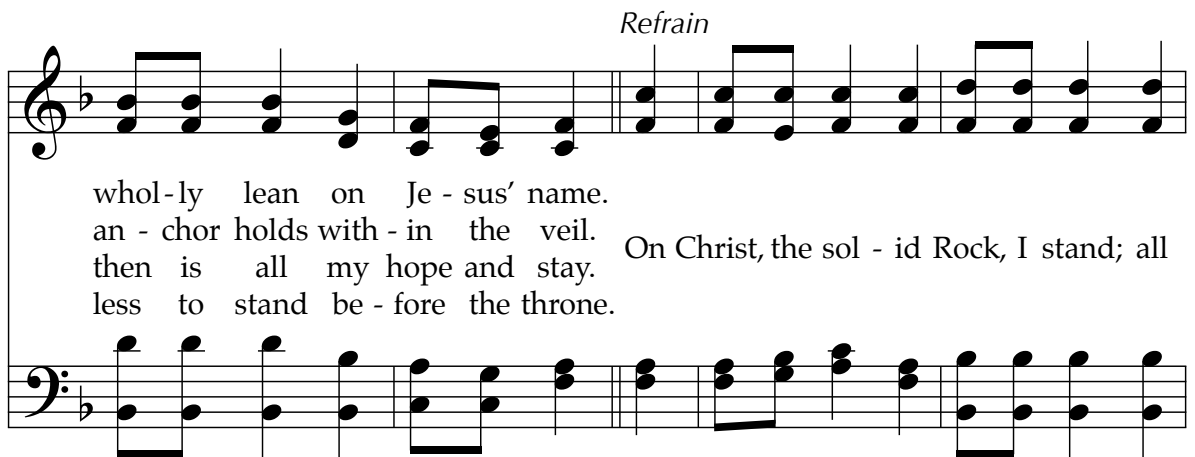


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
chang-ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.



## This week:

### Sunday, Oct. 12

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

### Tuesday, Oct. 14

- 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. 15

- 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. 16

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

### Friday, Oct. 17

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

## Coming up:

### Sunday, Oct. 19

- Next Step journals distributed after worship
- Widows lunch at 12:20 at the Division Street Diner

### Saturday, Oct. 25

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

### Thursday, Oct. 30

- Saints Alive luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

## Community:

### Today is Faith & Blue Sunday

Faith & Blue's mission is to create safer, stronger, and more unified communities by fostering direct partnerships between law enforcement agencies, houses of worship, and other community groups. This year, local law enforcement agencies will work alongside FPCA Oct. 12 to strengthen bonds, break down barriers, and build lasting solutions.



### 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.



### Thanksgiving basket information is coming soon!

FPCA is again joining Arlington Charities in feeding those who otherwise may not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. Details will be shared Oct. 26. Groups, families, or individuals can sign up to provide food items to feed a family so they can celebrate Thanksgiving together at home.

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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 and Susan Graham, Nancy Guerry, Bob and Beverly Koch, Lisa Landolt, 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:

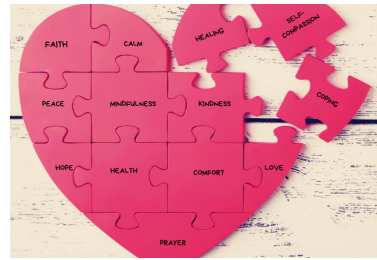
Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Wolfgang Van Wie, Christopher Young

## Prayers for our home-bound members:

Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Margaret Fite, Jay and Susan Graham, 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](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org).



## Widows lunch next Sunday

The church's widows are invited to lunch together next Sunday, Oct. 19, after worship service at 12:20 p.m. at Division

Street Diner, 1800 West Division Street in Arlington.

## 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

A nip in the air teasing us that fall weather is just around the corner signals that our Halloween Trunk



or Treat outreach to the community is near. Trunk or Treat will be held Oct. 25 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Please provide your help to support the event:

- Donate treats for trunks. You can place bags of individually wrapped candy in wooden boxes around the church.
- Help with games and prizes. Serve hot dogs, chips and water. Hand out books.
- Decorate your trunk, hatchback, or truck bed. Notify Kyle Terwilliger at [kyle@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org).

# Staff directory:

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Cheryl Harris	Music Ministry Associate
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