

First Presbyterian Church Arlington

October 19, 2025

The Nineteenth 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. Jim Shroyer
Lay Leader: Susan Malone
Organist: Shina Heo

Proclaiming

Psalm 119:97–104

Responsive Reading

Oh, how I love your law! **It is my meditation all day long.**

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, **for it is always with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers, **for your decrees are my meditation.**

I hold back my feet from every evil way, **in order to keep your word.**

I do not turn away from your ordinances, **for you have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste, **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Through your precepts I get understanding; **therefore I hate every false way.**

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Sing Praises To God

Dan Goeller

Annabelle Ellis, percussion Cheryl Harris, piano

*I will praise You, Lord with all my heart; I will tell of Your wondrous deeds.
I am filled with joy because of You. I sing praises to Your name.*

*Sing praises to God! Sing praises to our King!
Sing praises to God, creator of all things!
Sing praises to our God! Sing praises to Him!
Sing to Him a song of praise!*

*You have turned my grief into dancing, Lord.
You have clothed my heart with joy.
I cannot be still, no, I must cry out; I sing praises to Your name.*

*Let Your faithful love surround us, Lord. For we hope in You alone.
Lead us by Your truth and teach us, Lord. For we trust Your holy name.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1–8

New Testament page 81

Sermon

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Justice

Rev. Shroyer

Responding

§ Hymn 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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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

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

David Paxton

§ 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 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.**

§ Hymn 772

Live into Hope

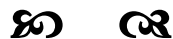
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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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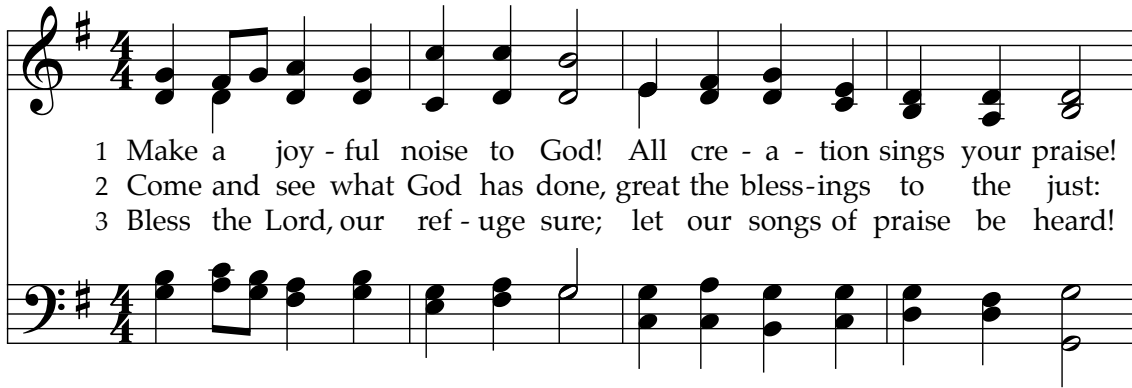
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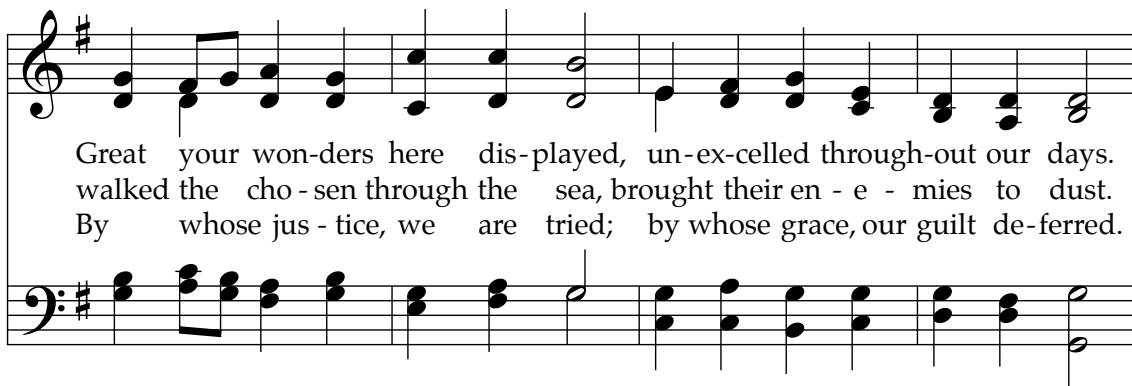
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Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

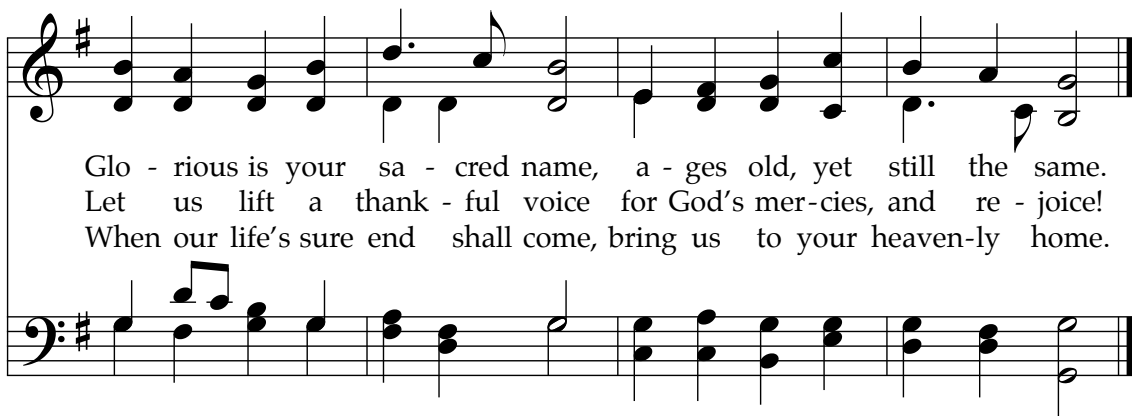
(Psalm 66)



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heav - en - ly home.

This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

This week:

Sunday, Oct. 19

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Widows lunch - 12:20 at Division Street Diner
- Youth and Children's Music Ministries - 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

- 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. 22

- 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
- CWF Bible Study - 7 p.m. in the Parlor

Thursday, Oct. 23

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Session meeting - 7 p.m. in the Parlor

Saturday, Oct. 25

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

Coming up:

Sunday, Oct. 26

- Luncheon for families with children or youth - noon in the Fellowship Hall

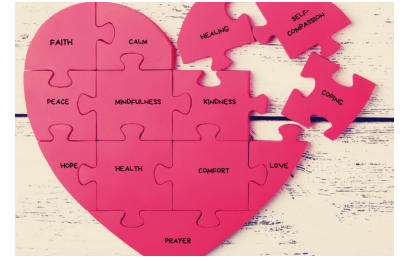
Thursday, Oct. 30

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

Community:

Widows lunch today

The church's widows are invited to lunch together today after worship service at 12:20 p.m. at Division Street Diner, 1800 West Division Street in Arlington.



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

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Elaine Keefer, 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 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, 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.

Thanksgiving lunch will be Nov. 16

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving Lunch on Nov. 16, immediately after the worship service. The Fellowship Committee will provide all of the food for the meal. Please do not bring any side dishes. We look forward to celebrating this season of Thanksgiving with everyone.

Nominate for FPCA leadership

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 info@firstprestexas.org, or reach out to Matt Annen at mattannen@yahoo.com

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.

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