

# First Presbyterian Church Arlington

November 9, 2025

The Twenty-Second 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: David Haury  
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

Children's Prayer

Flor Peters

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Holy God, you have commanded us not to be afraid and assured us of your presence.  
In the midst of trials and joys, sorrows and dreams, may we know your presence and rejoice.  
Grant us courage, O God, to take delight in your spirit in all times and in all places.  
Grant us faith, O God, to see the myriad of ways you give life. Grant us hope, O God,  
to participate in your work in the world. Grant us love, O God, to welcome, respond,  
and act with compassion in all we say and do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:7

The Lord God is our Shepherd.

**We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**

**God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.**

Introit

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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§ Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.**

**You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead.**

**You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others.**

**Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. 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 145:1–5, 17–21

Responsive Reading

*refrain*



I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; **his greatness is unsearchable.**

*refrain*

One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

**They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.**

The Lord is just in all his ways **and kind in all his doings.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him, **to all who call on him in truth.**

*refrain*

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; **he also hears their cry and saves them.**

The Lord watches over all who love him, **but all the wicked he will destroy.**

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, **and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

*refrain*

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 4:10–11

New Testament page 235

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Russell Farnell

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to be, save that Thou art.  
Be Thou my best thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight. Be Thou my whole armor; be Thou my true might.  
Be Thou my soul's shelter; be Thou my strong tower. O raise Thou me heavenward, great power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Be Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Be Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart. O High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won.  
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:40–45

New Testament page 29

Sermon

Next Step in Service

Rev. Campbell

## Responding

§ Hymn 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

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

I'm gonna go wherever you want me to go. I'm gonna go where you want me to go.  
I'm gonna go, oh, I'm gonna go where you want me to go.

I'm gonna preach wherever you want me to preach. I'm gonna preach where you want me to preach.  
I'm gonna preach, I'm gonna heal the sick, I'm gonna cast demons out of them.

Who is on the Lord's side? I want to know. I am on the Lord's side.

I am on the Lord's side and the Lord is by my side. As long as I live, I am on the Lord's side.

§ 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

from the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 62

But why cannot our good works be our righteousness before God, or at least part of it?

**Because the righteousness, which can stand before the judgment of God, must be absolutely perfect and wholly in conformity with the divine Law. But even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.**

Q. 63

Will our good works merit nothing, even when it is God's purpose to reward them in this life, and in the future life as well?

**This reward is not given because of merit, but out of grace. Amen.**

§ Hymn 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Christa Rakich



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# 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.



mur-mur stilled:  
all is right:  
cho-sen band: to God all praise and glo-ry!  
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for a choir. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be common time. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The lyrics are: "mur-mur stilled: all is right: cho-sen band: take your part: to God all praise and glo-ry!". The music is written in a simple, homophonic style, with chords and single notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the treble staff.

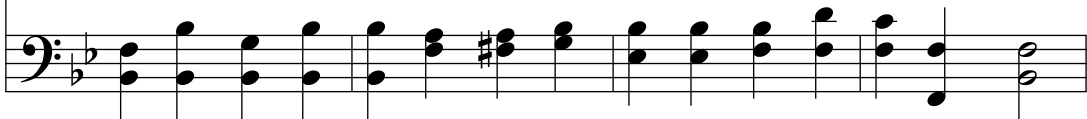
# Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



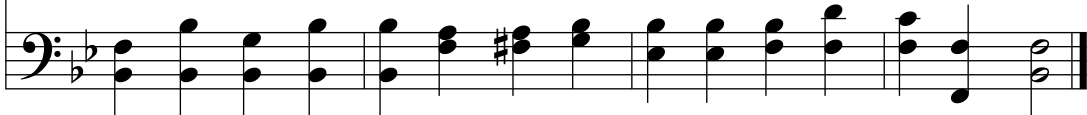
we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,  
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

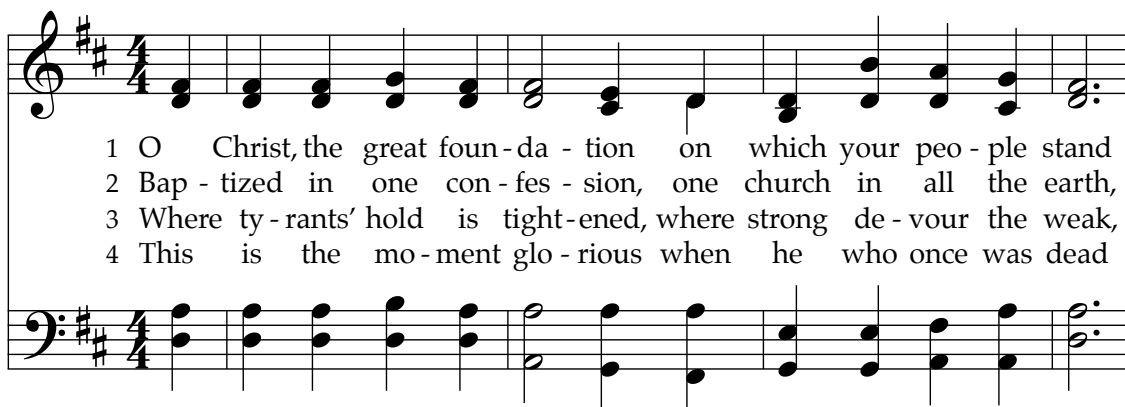


e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

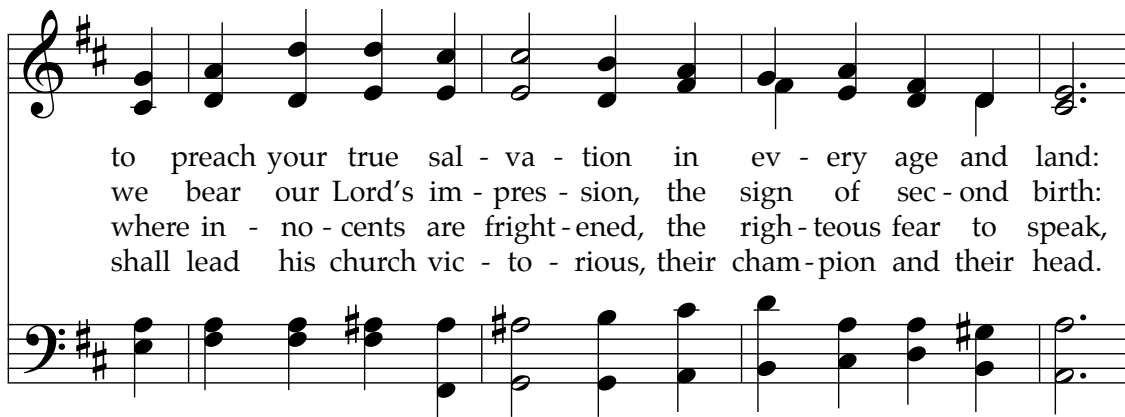


This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

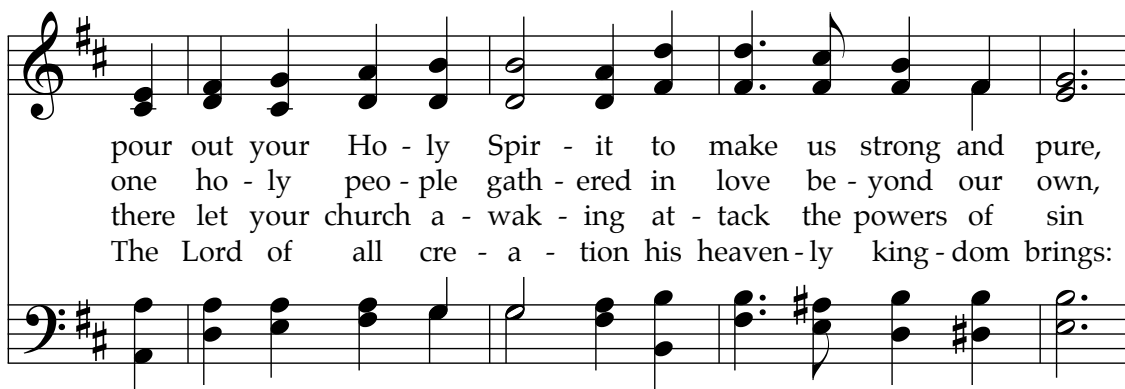
# O Christ, the Great Foundation 361



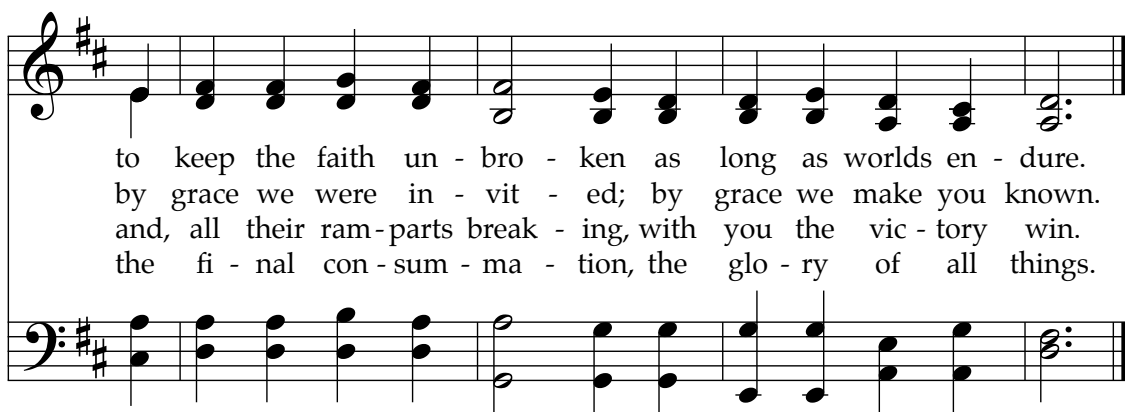
1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand  
2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,  
3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,  
4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead



to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:  
we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:  
where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,  
shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.



pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,  
one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,  
there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin  
The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:



to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.  
by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.  
and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.  
the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).



## This week:

### Sunday, Nov. 9

- 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, Nov. 11

- 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

### Wednesday, Nov. 12

- Men's Bible Study - 8 a.m. in room 204
- Quilting - 10:30 a.m. in room 204
- Women's Bible Study - 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Ring of Praise Handbells - 6 p.m. in the choir room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m. in the choir room
- CWF Meeting - 7 p.m. online

### Thursday, Nov. 13

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Prayer Ministry Council Meeting - 1 p.m. in the conference room

### Friday, Nov. 14

- Kids Night Out - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

## Coming up:

### Sunday, Nov. 16

- Thanksgiving Lunch will be served after worship in Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, Nov. 29

- Advent Decorating starting at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary

## Community:

### Thanksgiving lunch will be served 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.



### Dove Tree available Nov. 30

The Dove Tree will be up in Westminster Hall Nov. 30. Each dove has a name and address of one of our homebound members. Advent is a great time to spread love and grace them this season with a small gift, card, poinsettia, and visit to brighten the holidays.

### Mark your holiday calendars

#### Advent Decorating -

Saturday, Nov. 29 at 3 p.m. - Help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. This is fun, fellowship time with your church family to deck the halls.

**Advent Festival** - Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. - The service will celebrate the preparation, reflection, and anticipation of Jesus's birth.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** - Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. - Celebrate Christ's light coming into the world with worship, reflection, and community.



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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:

Debbie Richardson, Charles Arnold, Carol Browning, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Jay and Susan Graham, Nancy Guerry, Elaine Keefer, Bob and Beverly Koch, Lisa Landolt, Margaret Landolt, Shawn LeBlanc, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrapeck, Tonya Scrapeck, 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, Judy Crowell, Margaret Fite, Bobbie Fowler, Lila Glenn, Jay and Susan Graham, Teresa Hanson, Ann Scarr, Becky Speck, Leonard and Mary Jane Tibbetts, Dee Uhri, Biddie Walker

## 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).

## 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 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.



**Women's Ministry invites you to Merry and Bright Night Dec. 2**

The Women's Ministry Team invites you to enjoy a night of fellowship and fun Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor with your sisters in Christ as we celebrate the start of Advent and the Christmas season. Take a night away from the to-do lists and let's savor an evening relishing some nibbles, laughing with friends, playing Bunco, and enjoying being together. Can't wait to see you there! The event is free, but let us know you're coming. Register at [firstprestexas.org](http://firstprestexas.org) under the Adult Ministries tab or email [womensministry@firstprestexas.org](mailto:womensministry@firstprestexas.org).

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