



Faith United
Presbyterian
Church
in Farmers Branch

*Glorify God, grow disciples, and
meet the needs of our neighbors.*



*16th Sunday
after Pentecost
September 12, 2021*

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Love is Flowing

Darlene Sims

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremy Rohwer, Lay Liturgist

Leader: Look at the heavens!

People: **They are shouting the glory of God.**

Leader: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

People: **Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Leader: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

People: **Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

◆OPENING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

GTG 619

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us use our voices to declare those things we have said and done that have separated us from God,
and from each other, that we may experience God's mercy and receive God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord God is a very present help to those who seek to follow in the way of divine things.

Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

For Those Who Shepherd Us

Words by Terry W. York

Music by David Schwoebel

Katia Dinas, pianist

For those who shepherd us with wisdom, for those who shape our hearts and shape our minds,
For those whose words have helped us back onto the Way, we give thanks.

For those who shepherd us with kindness, for those who clear our vision with their songs,
For those whose faith has led us forward in the Truth, we give thanks.

Thanks be to God for gifts who live among us. We sing our thanks for those who lift our lives.
We sing our thanks for Jesus seen in others. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We give thanks!

For those who shepherd us with courage, for those who train our ears to hear God's voice,
For those whose souls confirm that Jesus is the Life, we give thanks.

Thanks be to God for gifts who live among us. We sing our thanks for those who lift our lives.
We sing our thanks for Jesus seen in others. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

James 3:1-12

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

Jennifer Tiemann

"Why are you here?"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed, *Traditional*

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 OF MEDITATION

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

GTG 365

MARION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you**

OFFERING

Offertory

Echo from French Overture

by J.S. Bach, Arr. Lani Smith

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

Prayer of Dedication

God of wisdom, may this offering serve as a powerful witness to this world in need.

**Guide us as we administer the gifts that you have given us for
the building of your kingdom. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

We've Come This Far by Faith

GTG 656
THIS FAR BY FAITH

◆ CHARGE

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

◆ BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG – Glory to God Hymnal

*Praise and thanksgiving to Jennifer Tiemann, our Guest Clergy today.
Pastor Ken will return to the pulpit next Sunday, 9/19/21*

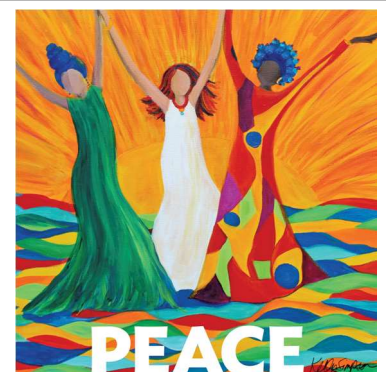
We now have online giving available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smartphone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like Special Offerings throughout the year. **You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.**



Peace & Global Witness—Special Offerings the Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission with those around the corner and around the world, as active peacemakers—at all times in all ways.

When is it received? The season for this offering is **September 5 to October 3** (World Communion Sunday) but can be received at any time during the year.

How is my gift used? A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the entire church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ's peace. 25% of the Offering stays with FUPC to be donated to a peacemaking organization of our choosing and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe. You may donate directly via check, please note **"PGW offering"** in the memo section. If you give online please note, "for PGW offering" when you designate your gift to the "General Fund."



at all times in all ways.
2 Thessalonians 3:16

Our thanks to musicians in worship!

David Pierce, Director of Music

Katia Dinas, Pianist

Soprano

Caroline Busselberg

Shanae Kemp

Sarah Knoy

Mary Marxer

Rachel Moes

Natasha Wroblewski

Alto

Patti Sloey

Jessica Stottlemeyer

Tenor

Kyle Feather

Jeremy Rohwer

Bass

Kurt Booth

Rich Lewis

Malcolm Payne

Zachary Rohwer

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 12

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m. FUPC Worship

11:00 a.m. Iglesia Emmanuel, Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 13

7:00 p.m. GA Room #2

Tuesday, September 14

7:30 p.m. OA, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 15

9:30 a.m. LTCDS, Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 17

9:00 a.m. LTCDS, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 18

9:00 a.m. GA, Room #2

11:00 a.m. OA, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 19

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m. FUPC Worship

11:00 a.m. Iglesia Emmanuel, Fellowship Hall

PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz

Roger Jones

Dennis Van Deventer

Mike Jones

Kathie Heffler

David Duell

George & Mozelle Mills

John Marxer

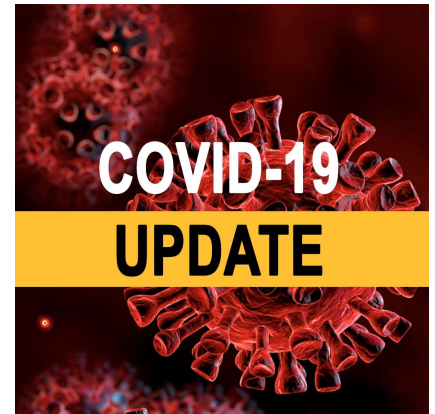
Homebound or Recovering: Freddie Simmons,
Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

COVID Protocol Reminder

Everyone is tired of COVID and the resultant restrictions and limitations. However, it is important for us stay the course as we are confronted by the very dangerous Delta variant. So, a friendly reminder:

- Masks must be worn at all times while in the building by everyone.
- Everyone is asked to maintain social distancing while inside the building.
- Everyone is encouraged to use no-contact forms of greeting while inside the building.
- Remember the service is live-streamed on Facebook for those uncomfortable attending in-person and those who are not feeling well.

Thank you for your assistance, patience and cooperation as we work together to keep everyone safe! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Ken or any Session member.



The FUPC Staff have returned to working from home!

Due to the uptick in Covid-19 Delta variant cases in north Texas, Pastor Ken, and Brenda Swindle have returned to working from home. They continue to check mail, emails, and messages daily. They are happy to receive your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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OPENING Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

HYMN of MEDITATION

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice! 365

(Psalm 97)

1 God reigns! Let earth re - joice! Let o - ceans
 2 God's fire ig - nites the clouds with judg - ment
 3 False i - dols rise to claim the weak - ness
 4 The ra - diance of God's light beams joy in -

shout God's might! Borne up by truth and righ - teous-ness, God's
 swift and just; the e - vil find their deeds in vain; God's
 of our pride, but can - not touch the faith - ful ones, for
 to our days; now filled with God's own peace and love, our

Refrain

throne is our de - light.
 foes are brought to dust. Re - joice! Re -
 God stands at our side.
 hearts re - sound with praise.

Re - joice!

joice! God reigns! Let earth re - joice!

Re - joice!

The theme of rejoicing that unites Psalm 97 is fittingly emphasized here by the refrain that ties together these four stanzas. Instead of the intimacy with God celebrated in other psalms, the primary concern here is to proclaim God's power over all false gods that tempt us.

HYMN of DEDICATION

We've Come This Far by Faith 656

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,

trust-ing in the ho-ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.

O, can't turn a-round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

This refrain from a longer hymn could well be understood as a black gospel reflection on several biblical passages: 2 Corinthians 5:7, 1 Samuel 7:12, and 1 Chronicles 17:16. All these texts bear witness to God's faithfulness toward all who are engaged in the pilgrimage of faith.

The Session

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Standing Committees of the Session

*Denotes Committee Moderator

B&G = Building & Grounds

W&M = Worship & Music

O&E = Outreach & Evangelism

Finance

CE = Christian Education

CL = Church Life

CHOSEN TO SERVE

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