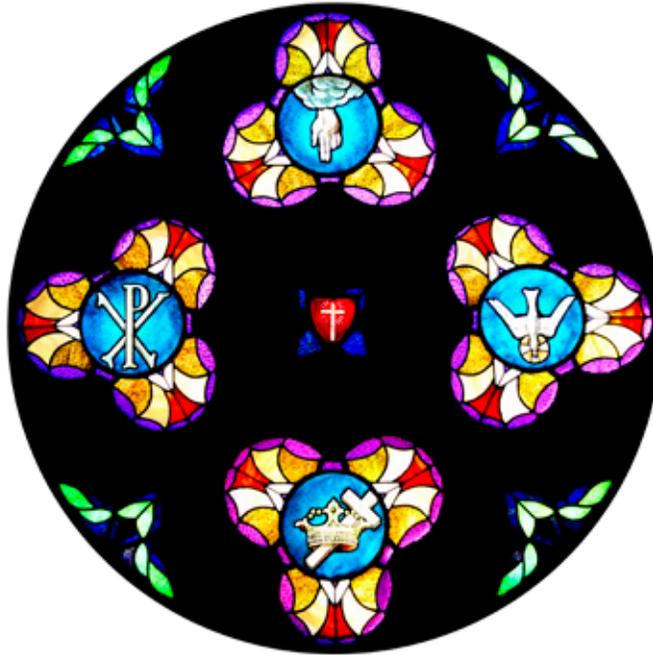


February 5, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Glorify. Grow.

Mission Statement:

We, as the Church, are the Body of Christ equipped through prayer by the Holy Spirit to glorify God; through passionate worship, nurturing fellowship, sacrificial service, respectful evangelism, and active discipleship, we encourage and challenge all ages of our congregation and community to grow in relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Ask an usher for a large print bulletin, Bible, or hearing enhancement device.

Prayer cards, visitor information cards, and offering envelopes can be found in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate.

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

8:30 Lay Leader: Diane Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: Adrian Rodriguez

The Worship of God

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by
Barbara Hughes in honor of the choir and organist.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Micah 6:8

*And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Prelude

Dearest Jesus, We are Here

J. S. Bach

Introit (11:00)

This Is the Feast of Victory

Dove of Peace

Call to Worship

God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice,
to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly.

So in praise and wonder, we come to worship you, not just with our words, but with our hearts
and our lives.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

§ Prayer of Confession (silence, then said together)

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you
command. We are often silent when we should speak and useless when we could be useful.**

We often condone evil, hatred, warfare, and greed. Have mercy on us, O God.

Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ The Gloria Patri

MEINEKE

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.

§ Passing the Peace

Greet those around you with, **“The peace of Christ be with you.”**

§ Hymn 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Stanza 1

Community Joys and Events

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.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 2/5

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Confirmation Information Meeting
1:30 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. Belize Team Meeting
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 2/6

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 2/7

3:30 p.m. Ellis Kids Beach Club
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 2/8

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
6:15 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 2/9

6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
6:45 p.m. Team Meeting Night

Friday 2/10

6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Information for the February 19th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Esther Albright, Chona Pacot Anwar, Yvonne Babb, Polly Baugh, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Kevin Chin, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Dorothy Curtis, Ted Dysart, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Lila Glenn, David Goff, Susan Graham, A. Jack Gray, Dick Haney, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Brandon Hay, Bill Hayden, Doyle Malone, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Mary Ellen Miller, Kelly Miller, Pat Mingle, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Moulton, Bill Olsen, Jim L. Quick, Albert Ross, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Al Smithson, Bob Spriggs, Brooks and Connie Taylor, Kyle Terwilliger, BJ Thomas, Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Donna Vickers, Jessica Villarreal, Mary Jane Wright

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Sean Ansley, Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Jack Murtha, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Rich McDermott at the church office 817-274-8286 or his cell phone: 970-218-3689.

For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at juanicey@gmail.com or 817-794-5626.

Women's Bible Study

Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, February 20 at 6 p.m. in the church parlor. A light meal will be offered and a \$2 donation is accepted. The study is the PW/Horizon's study Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes by Judy Yates Siker. Chapter 5 is February's lesson and will be led by Kathy Moore. All women are invited to attend. Questions? Contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (SheriQ@aol.com).

Sunday Flowers

Dear Congregation: Back in July 2016 we notified you that FPCA will provide flowers only when people sign up and there is a dedication. You all responded wonderfully, sometimes two arrangements per Sunday!! So we know that you love having fresh flowers to make our worship spaces even more beautiful. We have hit a pretty big lull to start out 2017 though, so just a reminder - if you would like to sign up to provide a floral arrangement, there are two flower charts: one outside the Chapel and one outside the southern entrance to the Sanctuary. Flowers are placed first in the Chapel for early service and then moved to the Sanctuary for all to enjoy. Then you may take all or part of them home, or request they be distributed by the Congregational Care Team. The standard cost is \$50.00 per arrangement. Thank you! FPCA Worship Team

The Prodigal God Small Group Experience for Lent

Why do this small group study? Has anyone ever told you that “religion” is diametrically opposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ? Timothy Keller, in his book and video called “The Prodigal God” says that very thing. You can begin an unforgettable journey of discovering one of the most powerful yet most misunderstood parables of the Bible -- The Parable of the Prodigal Son. The Prodigal God curriculum and small group experience will help you uncover the essential message of the parable: that the gospel is neither religion nor irreligion, neither morality nor immorality, but something else entirely. If your experience of church and religion has been mostly about obeying rules and trying to become a good and moral person, then this study is for you.

You can: 1) *lead*, 2) *host*, or 3) be a *member* of a small group that meets weekly for six weeks during Lent. We are hoping that most of our small groups will meet in homes or offices or restaurants where we can invite people (“*curious outsiders*”) that might be hesitant to come to a church building. Books and Discussion Guides will be made available for purchase for each participant. The DVD’s will be provided to those leading the small groups and a brief training will be provided for those leading and hosting. Leaders and Hosts can decide the best time and place to meet for six weeks.

YOU MAY SIGN UP TODAY for joining, leading or hosting a small group to study “The Prodigal God” book and DVD by Tim Keller during Lent (Mar. 1-April 15). A table in the Red Hall next to the sanctuary or outside the chapel will have sign-up sheets, books (\$10) and Discussion Guides (\$10) for your use. Bob and Marge Dawson will be helping with the sign-ups. Thank you for prayerfully joining in this experience of “recovering the heart of the Christian Faith.” Form your group today!

Confirmation Class

Parents and students (7th-12th grade) please join us today at 12:30 p.m. (before the Super Bowl) in the Parlor for an information meeting about our next Confirmation Class starting on February 12, 2017. We will answer questions and give out a schedule of the class. Please call, text or email Adrian Rodriguez at 817.274.8286 or adrian@firstprestexas.org.

Thank You

A big thanks to all who helped with this years leaf cleanup! From the Facilities Team

The 4-Week New Members Class Fixin’ to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community Begins Sunday, February 19th at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown hall

Week One: “Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ”

Week Two: “On Being a Christian in a Postmodern World”

Week Three: “Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian”

Week Four: “On Being Sent: Relational Ministry, Missional Discipleship and Incarnational Witness”

Saints Alive

Saints Alive will meet on Thursday, February 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch and program. Our speaker will be Lyn Robbins, author of “Grace Always Comes,” will tell us about his new devotional book. Please join us and remember to bring a dish to share.

The Six Great Ends of the Church

Come join Pastor Rich in both preaching and teaching a new series on “The Six Great Ends [or Purposes] of the Church.” The Class will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM and includes a DVD video with a variety of Presbyterian leaders from around the country. The sermons will follow the same topics. The Six Great Ends have guided American Presbyterians for over 100 years.

The preaching and teaching topics are:

Feb. 5: Promotion of Social Righteousness;

Feb. 12: Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World.

Women’s Retreat in Glen Rose - March 31 to April 2

The women of the church will return to Glen Rose for their annual retreat and stay at the Still Water Lodge. Our speaker will be Anne Beall, our former Associate Pastor, and her topic is “The Story Goes On...”. She wants to help us claim our place in God’s ongoing story that is being written now, just as much as in Biblical days.

More information will be available soon and reservations will begin March 5. All are welcome.