

April 23, 2017  
First Presbyterian Church  
The Second Sunday of Easter



*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. Rich McDermott

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Campbell

8:30 Lay Leader: Jane Leathem

11:00 Lay Leader: Larry Stephenson

# *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 Helen Schrickel in memory of Gene Schrickel,  
and by Steve and Cynthia Duncan  
in celebration of their anniversary.

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

Luke 15:31–32

*To your name, Lord Jesus, help me to bow the knee and all its worshiping, bow the head and all its thinking,  
bow the will and all its choosing, bow the heart and all its loving. Let me come to worship you.*

Prelude

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

**Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God, he himself has made us, and we are his;

**We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise,

**Give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;

**And his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Let us worship God.

Introit

Rejoice!

C. O. Beck

§ Hymn 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then together)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. 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 244

This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1–9

New Testament page 15

Children's Time (11:00)

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 216.

Anthem (11:00)

Look at the World

John Rutter

*Look at the world: everything all around us. Look at the world and marvel every day.*

*Look at the world, so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.*

*Praise to thee, O Lord for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of Thee.*

*Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower, look at the sky, the sunshine, and the rain.*

*Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.*

*Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before winter's cold.*

*Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold:*

*Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of His love.*

*We are His hands, stewards of all His bounty. His is the earth and His the heavens above.*

Scripture Reading

John 4:31–38

New Testament page 95

The Sermon

The End of Christendom

Rev. McDermott

## ***Responding***

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.**

The Commissioning of Michelle Craig

Offertory

Softly and Tenderly  
Cassandra Kirby, soprano

Raymond Brown

§ The Doxology (Hymn 675)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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.**

§ Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed (Hymnal, page 34)

## *Sending*

§ Hymn 246

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

§ Charge Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Herald the News

Dennis Janzer



## *Comments for Contemplation*

The End of Christendom    Matthew 13:1-9, John 4:31-38

1. Certainly, for the first two thirds of the twentieth century, the Christian church did have a profound influence on the culture of the United States. This dominant cultural influence has sometimes been referred to as the “Christendom” of North America, a time when our society bore the deep imprint of Christian values, language and \_\_\_\_\_ regarding moral behaviors.
2. But secondly, we want our faith in Christ to come with us everywhere we go: to work, to school, to home, to the barber, to the baseball game, to the football game, to the golf course, and to \_\_\_\_\_ we do. So we bring our faith to our life, and Christ is there to guide us, help us, and teach us.
3. A missional church is a church where people realize their gifts for ministry and that they are being sent as missionaries, not simply to Timbuktu, or Borneo, or Transylvania, but to the people, places and partnerships that they \_\_\_\_\_ every day in “their 95.”
4. There were no microphones. There were a very few manuscripts with gospels and Paul’s letters, but no Bibles to speak of. No printed books were available. Writing instruments and parchment were extremely rare. There were no cars, no airplanes, no notebooks, no Starbucks (can you imagine?), no computers, no internet, no e-mail, no cell phones, no text messages, no facebook and no \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Imagine if there were a healing virus that could be passed to others, that cured a bad virus, much like a vaccination. Wouldn’t we be passing that around as fast as we could? Jesus had something like that in mind when he told the parable of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Matthew 13.
6. Jesus is making the case, that things are not as they seem. They are concerned for his physical hunger, but he says that he has food that they do not know of. It is the satisfying food of taking the \_\_\_\_\_ life of this woman and redemptively healing it. Jesus says, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.”

## ***This week @ FPCA***

Sunday 4/23

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

Tuesday 4/25

6:30 p.m.                   HOPE Tutoring  
7:00 p.m.                 Arlington Sr High Choir  
                                  Concert

Wednesday 4/26

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 4/27

6:00 p.m.                   The Well  
6:30 p.m.                   HOPE Tutoring  
7:00 p.m.                 Session Meeting

Saturday 4/29

5:00 p.m.                 Preschool Fundraiser

***Information for the May 7th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to [kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org) by this Monday.***

## ***Prayer Ministry***

### ***Prayers for those with health and other concerns:***

Esther Albright, Yvonne Babb, Polly Baugh, Parker Bjornson, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Kevin Chin, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Dorothy Curtis, Bunny Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Lila Glenn, David Goff, A. Jack Gray, Dick Haney, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, Doyle Malone, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Mary Ellen Miller, Pat Mingle, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Cosme Pacot, John Pentalino, 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, Sherry Wolfe, Mary Jane Wright

### ***Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:***

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Jack Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, 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](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.

## **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering is received during the season of Lent at FPCA. This is one of four special offerings collected during our church year. Offering envelopes are provided outside the chapel and sanctuary or designate OGHS on the memo portion of your check. Posters are located around the church halls.

Presbyterians worldwide have participated in this offering for over 60 years and give about as much as all other denominations put together. The offering gifts are divided between three programs - Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. For a list of how these gifts were used in previous years or for more information, see [www.pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs).

## New Sermon Series

Today we will begin a new 8-week sermon series on "Bringing Faith to Life." Invite your friends as we examine what it means to have Jesus as a part of your everyday life.

## Confirmation & Senior Sunday Celebration

Please join us next Sunday, April 30th at the 11 a.m. service as we celebrate our 2017 youth senior class and the confirmation of Peyton Quinn. We look forward to celebrating with them and praying for the journey ahead.

There will be a reception immediately after the 11 a.m. service and everyone is invited to attend.



**2017  
SPRING FUNDRAISER**

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017  
TIME: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
PLACE: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

**CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE!  
FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL  
THE PRESCHOOL AT 817-274-4051**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**



## The 4-Week New Members Class *Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community*

to begin Sunday, April 30th at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214

Please contact Kim if you plan to attend at: 817-274-8286 or [kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org)

### Week One: "Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"

—This is a chance to share our journeys of faith with one another, and learn about one another.

### Week Two: "On Being a Christian in a Post-modern World"

—What it means to be a Christian and why it is so vitally important in today's world.

### Week Three: "Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian"

—This will help us understand the blessings and issues of our particular tradition in the family of faith.

### Week Four: "On Being Sent: Relational Ministry, Missional Discipleship and Incarnational Witness"

—A chance to learn about gifts, equipping, ministry and mission.

## Financial Peace University

If you have never taken the popular Financial Peace University 9-week course led by the internationally recognized Dave Ramsey, then NOW is the time to sign up! Our new members, James and Katina Gifford, are offering their leadership to this great course which will begin on Monday, June 5th at 6:00 PM here at FPCA. The cost per family is only \$99 and this gives you a lifetime membership in Financial Peace University. Check how to register for the class at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1040877>.

You will be hearing more about this great opportunity, but mark your calendar for Monday evenings starting on June 5th, and find out how to get your financial house in order using solidly biblical principles. For more information, contact Katina Gifford at [katinap84@aol.com](mailto:katinap84@aol.com) or call 817-565-3835.