

May 14, 2017
First Presbyterian Church
The Fifth 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

8:30 Lay Leader: David Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Katina Gifford

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 roses are given to the glory of God
in honor and in memory of all of our mothers.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

John 19:25–27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to his disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Prelude

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Robert Lind

Introit

We Have Come to Worship You

David Davidson

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Pray as little children of God, who enables us to pray with confidence.

We will pray with the ease and familiarity of young children with their parents.

§ Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

God forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity, making it hard to see that we are yours. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up.

Forgive us, Lord, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:7–21

New Testament page 193

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem	Amazing Grace Sarah Teel, soprano	Jay Althouse
Scripture Reading	John 4:27–30, 39–42	New Testament page 95
The Sermon	Abundantly Far More Than All We Can Ask or Imagine	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.

Offertory	Prière à Notre-Dame	Léon Boëllmann
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§ The Doxology		LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

§ Mother's Day Litany		Rev. Robb McCoy
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All who gather here are sons or daughters. **We praise God for the women who gave us life.**

For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

We give God thanks and praise.

For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried, **We pray for peace.**

For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy, **We pray for healing.**

For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories, **We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.**

For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

We weep with those with broken hearts.

For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

For those who are preparing emptier nests, **We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.**

For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

We pray for wisdom and patience.

For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others, **We give God thanks and praise.**

For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Mothers, Moms, and Mamas, in their wide variety and many forms,
We give God thanks and praise.

Sending

§ Hymn 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET SPIRIT

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Finale

Léon Boëllmann



Comments for Contemplation

Abundantly Far More Than All We Can Ask or Imagine Ephes. 3:7–21, John 4:27–30, 39–42

1. Can people who believe in one God, one way of salvation and one moral code live responsibly, respectfully, and non-coercively among peoples who believe none of those things? Christians, of course, believe that we can and many do live that kind of responsible life. But it points out the _____ of bringing our faith to life, of integrating what we believe into the everyday aspects of our existence.
2. A missional church, or body of believers, is not only one that sends but one that is also sent. Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” The missional church takes up its call from Jesus as a people who are _____.
3. But today we are going to discover that God’s grace is for everyone in the whole world, and that God, through the _____ at work within us in Christ Jesus, is able to do abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine!
4. In Ephesians chapter one, it speaks of “the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead....” So the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us who _____.
5. The woman is stunned by Jesus’ compassion in speaking with her, telling her about living water, and then demonstrating that, in spite of her past, she has a place in God’s kingdom. In her haste she totally forgets her water jar, goes back to her city and says to the people, “Come and see a man who told me _____ I have ever done. He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 5/14

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

Monday 5/15

NEWS Submission Date
9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday 5/16

6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 5/17

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:15 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 5/18

11:30 a.m. Saints Alive
6:00 p.m. MPAC Meeting
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Friday 5/19

9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Saturday 5/20

8:30 a.m. All Church Workday

Information for the May 28th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to 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, Kelly Miller, Mary Ellen Miller, Pat Mingle, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Cosme Pacot, 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, Bernice Woods, 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 or 817-794-5626.

Pentecost Offering

This year our Pentecost Offering is received officially on the Day of Pentecost, June 4, 2017. As with all Special Offerings, times before and after this date are appropriate for donations also. On Pentecost Sunday, we join Christians around the world to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. The Pentecost Offering benefits children at risk, youth, and young adults. Forty percent of the offering stays locally and this year will go to HOPE Tutoring as decided by the Mission and Evangelism Team with Session approval. The other percentage will support General Assembly ministries for youth development.

For more information on the Pentecost Offering see www.pcusa.org/pentecost. Offering envelopes are available outside the chapel and sanctuary the week of the offering and after for several weeks. Please use the Pentecost envelopes or designate on your check or other envelope if you are giving to the Pentecost Offering.

Please help aid youth programs in our city as well as our country and world.

Senior Exercise Class Starting May 15

A senior exercise group will begin meeting in the Parlor on Monday, May 15. Sessions will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Come and get fit with us!

There is no charge, but participants will be responsible for purchasing and storing their own exercise equipment.

Retirement Reception

Jim McCoy has retired from his "part-time" 7-day-a-week job as the church Facilities Manager.

The retirement reception is Sunday, May 21 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Come wish Jim well!

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 or call 817-565-3835.

All-Church Picnic

The Fellowship Team invites everyone to get ready for summer by coming to the all-church picnic on Sunday, June 4. The picnic will be in Fellowship Hall immediately following the second service.

The Arlington Life Shelter will present the program, "Hearts of Faith." The presentation will bring us up to date on the Life Shelter and their plans for the future. FPCA was the first home for the Arlington Life Shelter, and it will be interesting to see how Arlington's churches continue to support and be a part of the future of this important mission in Arlington

We will have barbecue, chips, potato salad, tea, lemonade, and - of course - dessert.

Plan to stay, learn more about the Life Shelter, and enjoy a time of fellowship with your friends!

Vacation Bible School

Gadgets & Gizmos VBS

June 5-9 from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Children 4 years old to 6th grade

Please pray for a great week of Vacation Bible School-a fun and safe time for children to grow in their relationship with God. Invite neighbors, grandchildren or other children to VBS.

Permission forms are available at the entrances to the sanctuary and chapel or from Kyle.

We need people to help with sign-in, welcoming and playing games with children, arts and crafts, science activities and leading groups of kids to activities, bathrooms, etc. Please contact Kyle at 817-274-8268 or kyle@firstprestexas.org if you would like to help with any of these things.

Blood Drive

The Carter Blood Drive will be Sunday, June 4th from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Blood Mobile will be in the south parking lot. Please contact Lew Johnson at 817-233-8172 if you are interested in signing up.

Quilt Raffle

Allena Coburn has made a lovely full-size quilt from fabric donated to the FPCA Happy Quilters. The Quilters are now selling raffle tickets for \$1 each, and the drawing for the quilt will take place at the all-church picnic on June 4.

The raffle money will be added to the Charlie Sheldon Parlor Update Fund and will be used to improve the appearance of our parlor.

Raffle tickets will be available in the Red Hall before the 11:00 service on Sundays through June 4. Contact Sandy Thomlinson, skt1943@aol.com or 817-522-2080, with questions.

