

May 28, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Seventh 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: Adrian Rodriguez

11:00 Lay Leader: Lona Watkins

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 Craig and Judy Poindexter in celebration
of their 64th wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship John 15:17

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Prelude In Memoriam Flor Peeters

Introit (11:00) Worship Him as One C. O. Beck

Call to Worship from Psalm 68

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

Sing praises to the Lord.

Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;

He gives power and strength to his people.

Let us worship our God.

§ Hymn 463 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Almighty God, your blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one. Grant that your church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus

Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 188 Jesus Loves Me JESUS LOVES ME

Community Joys and Events

Public Reception of New Members

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Luke 7:31–35 New Testament page 66

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (8:30) The Gift of Love Hal Hopson
Edrea Akosu, soprano

(11:00) Jubilate Deo W. A. Mozart

*Jubilate deo omnis terra: servite Domino in laetitia
Laudate nomen ejus quoniam suavis est Dominus. Alleluia!
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,
Praise His name, for the Lord is gracious. Alleluia!*

Scripture Reading John 15:12–17 New Testament page 109

The Sermon The Love of a Friend Rev. McDermott

Responding

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.

Offertory Vivace John Stanley

§ The Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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!**

§ Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day and that he appeared first to the women then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus CONVERSE

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude Prelude in the Classic Style Gordon Young
Donna Vickers, Organ



Comments for Contemplation

The Love of a Friend

Luke 7:31–35; John 15:12–17

1. The king valued his relationship with these friends above all others. The friends of the king were those who had the closest and the most intimate connection with him. To be a friend of the king was to have a _____ position indeed.
2. “In classical times it was friendship that was praised as the highest form of love between human beings. [It was friendship that was something splendid, something that ennobles people and enables them to realize their best nature, and was the most desirable form of love]. That friendship is now a very distant second to romantic love in our scale of values indicates how much our _____ have changed.” —Diogenes Allen
3. Jesus is a true friend because he genuinely loves us in spite of our flaws, he makes time for us, he is always there for us, and he chooses to reveal himself to us. When we learn to cultivate our friendship with Jesus, all of our relationships are _____ for the better, and we may deepen our friendships with people both inside and outside of the community of faith
4. We live in an age that is rapidly losing the capacity for genuine friendship. Between cell phones, e-mail, Facebook and Twitter, we know how to connect, but we don’t know how to relate; we can pass information but we have trouble conveying _____; we can touch base but we can’t touch hearts; and we have many acquaintances but few people we can really call friends.
5. Jesus brought his faith in his Father to his disciples and shared it all with them, but that did not prevent him from developing friendships with those outside of the community of faith. We must learn to love those outsiders well as friends, and love them enough to share with them the _____ of our joy, our love and our hope, and that is our good friend, Jesus Christ.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 5/28

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. New Member Reception
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 5/29

Preschool & Church Office Closed

Wednesday 5/31

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday 6/2

9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class

Information for the June 11th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for the families of those who have passed:

The family of Bonita "Bonnie" Conditt

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, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes, Doyle Malone, Pat May, 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, Karl Winter, 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.

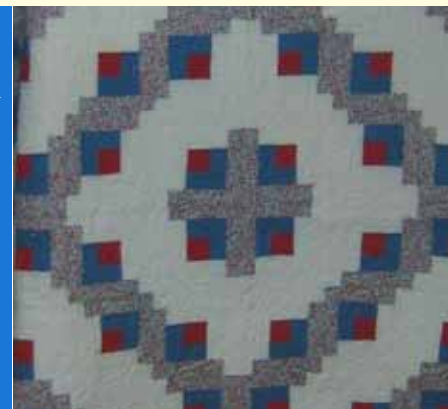
For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at juanicey@gmail.com or 817-794-5626.

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.



New Member Reception

Join us today as we welcome our New Members in a Reception in the church Parlor after the 11:00 a.m. service.

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.

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

Blood Drive

The Carter Bloodcare will be here Sunday, June 4, from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The Blood Mobile will be in the south parking lot. Donate blood in June and receive a voucher for half-off Texas Rangers tickets while supplies last. Give blood, get a t-shirt. Please contact Lew Johnson at 817-233-8172 to sign up.



Belize Mission Trip 2018 – 365 Fundraiser

Please consider supporting the Belize Mission Team for March 2018 by participating in our fundraiser during May and June 2017. We will have 365 envelopes. There are 365 days in a year and each envelope represents one day of the year. The idea is for church members to select an envelope – either representing a date significant to them, or just a favorite number, etc. – and then return it with a donation of the value corresponding to the number on the envelope.

We will have a table set up before and after services (entrance to chapel and narthex of sanctuary) until June 11. Checks should be made payable to FPCA and include “Belize Mission” in the memo line.

The Belize Mission Team appreciates all the support from the congregation each year. Our trip would not be possible without your support!

Senior Exercise Class

A Senior exercise group will meet in the Parlor on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. There is no charge, but participants will be responsible for purchasing and storing their own exercise equipment. For further information, please contact Thomas Dombrowsky at 817-287-9773 or tomasdom@sbcglobal.net. Come and get fit with us!

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 5, 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.