

June 18, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday of Pentecost



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: Suzie McCoy

11:00 Lay Leader: Maggie Johnson

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 Lois Ankele in honor of Richard's
84th birthday, June 16.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

God sent his Son into this world to redeem us. Jesus Christ purchased our freedom, and now we are free to serve God, to have peace, and to live forever with Jesus in God's presence. The Holy Spirit gives us understanding into God's unfailing and everlasting love.

Prelude

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

J. Wayne Kerr

Introit (11:00)

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Taizé Community

Call to Worship

We give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole hearts.

We sing your praise and bow down to your Holy Name.

We give thanks for your steadfast love that endures forever.

Let us worship God!

§ Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; 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

GREATOREX

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 279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ST. AGNES

Community Joys and Events

Sending

§ Hymn 720

Jesus Calls

GALILEE

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude



Comments for Contemplation

Hosea: A Trying Marriage and God's Covenant Loyalty
Matthew 16:24-26; Hosea 1:2-3, 6:1-6

1. Perhaps the most profound and helpful way that Christians can both challenge and transform our contemporary culture is in helping people to understand the Biblical concept of love. Understanding the love that comes from God, and that God commands us to exhibit toward one another, can produce a conversion experience for those who have only known the popularized passions, emotions and _____ that masquerade as “love” in our contemporary culture.
2. Hosea is called to preach to the northern kingdom of Israel about God's steadfast love even in the face of the unfaithfulness of his people Israel. But the Lord wants Hosea to make this lesson more dramatic. The Lord commands Hosea to marry an unfaithful woman, a prostitute named Gomer, and to show his steadfast love and _____ to her just as the Lord does for Israel.
3. What the Lord could see was that his own people had gone after other gods, and they would show up on Saturday, the Sabbath, and make sacrifice to the Lord, after they had just prayed to some pagan idol in their homes. On top of this, the people were oppressing the poor, they were ignoring the needs of the hungry, and taking advantage of those who had few _____.
4. “What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like the morning fog, like the dew that goes away early... For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.” Here are a people who think they can have it all: fertility gods for their fertility, rain gods for their rain, and the Lord, the God of Israel, for just about anything else. But Israel has become like a _____, whoring after many gods.
5. Jesus makes it clear here that one's life does not consist in the accumulation of power, one's life does not consist in saving oneself, one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions, or in anything that the world tells us is of _____ worth. Rather, to find our life, we must, in fact, lose our life for Jesus and for the gospel. And that involves taking up a cross and following him.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 6/18	Youth - The Great Escape
8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Dr. Larry Thomas
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC
Monday 6/19	Youth - The Great Escape
8:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class
6:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
Tuesday 6/20	Youth - The Great Escape
8:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
7:00 p.m.	Missionary Cathy Chang
Wednesday 6/21	Youth - The Great Escape
7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
8:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class
10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
Thursday 6/22	Youth - The Great Escape
8:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
Friday 6/23	Youth - The Great Escape
8:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class
Saturday 6/24	Youth - The Great Escape

Information for the July 2nd 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, Chona Pacot Anwar, Yvonne Babb, Polly Baugh, Parker Bjornson, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Kevin Chin, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, 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, Dr. Darwin Peek, 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.

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



Presbyterian Children's Homes Lunch & Texas Rangers Game

32nd Texas Rangers game outing with FPCA and children from Presbyterian Children's Homes Services! Sunday, August 13. \$25 per person includes lunch at FPCA as 12 noon.

Texas Rangers vs. Houston Astros. \$25/ticket - seats in Sec 335, rows 9-17. Ballgame at 2:00 p.m. If interested, call Bob Dawson at 214-415-5396 or Lew Johnson 817-860-6327.



Reinhold Niebuhr: An American Conscience

June 18, June 25 and July 2

The Theological Inquiries and Indicators Sunday School Classes will host a three-week series on the life and works of the American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. The series will be led by Rev. Dr. Larry Thomas in the Fellowship Hall beginning today at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Missionary Cathy Chang Talk

Cathy Chang, PCUSA Mission Co-worker in Manila, Philippines, will talk at FPCA Tuesday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Cathy will address the issues of migration and human trafficking. To Register for this event go to: goo.gl/GEa9Az

Vacation Bible School Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School. The donations of snacks were greatly enjoyed by the children. The decorating was wonderful. And all of the help during the week made VBS a week of great fun and learning for the children. We discovered that we are wonderfully made by God, loved by Him so much that He gave His Son to pay the price for our sins and that we can let our lights shine for Him. Thank you for praying and helping to make VBS a great week!

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M&E FunRai\$er – Italian Dinner, July 29, 5-8 PM

M & E (Your Mission & Evangelism Team) is having an Eyetalian Dinnah (TexMex pronunciation) on Saturday, July 29, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We are having a 5 Star chef cater this meal. Vito, of Vito's restaurant, will be creating a sumptuous repast to overwhelm your gastronomic senses.

We have limited seating, only the first 200 can be seated. Tickets will be on sale starting June 18th.

Tickets will be on sale for the ridiculously low price of \$10 for adults (or kids eating Italian food) and \$2 for kids. The kids will have the one option of hot dogs, drinks and a movie elsewhere in the building.

Think of that, a certified baby/youth sitter for \$2. You and your wife can escape the kids for 2-1/2 hours for less than \$1 per hour per kid. Your M&E team is great, ain't it.

If you want to escape your significant other for 2 hours, your spouse could attend the movie.

Of course, if you leave your spouse to watch the movie, it might cost you a bundle, since there will be a silent auction with items to rival the Neiman-Marcus Christmas book.

For dessert, we will have a bake sale with lots of scrumptious items prepared by members of the congregation. Finally, we will have entertainment in the Fellowship Hall while you enjoy your dinner and bake sale items.

All the money raised through this event will be used to support mission and evangelism activities such as helping to prepare backpacks of school supplies for Carter students, other Carter needs, supporting fix-it projects for people needing assistance, local mission activities, supporting missionaries abroad, and other requests for support that arise during the year.

More news to follow in upcoming weeks about this extravaganza.