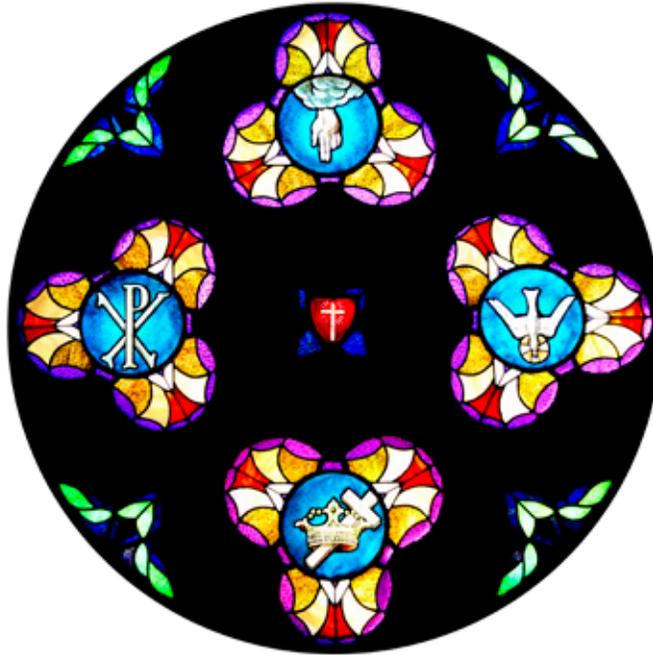


July 2, 2017

# First Presbyterian Church

The Fourth 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: Phil Austin

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  
Carole and Allen Ray in celebration of  
their 47th wedding anniversary  
and by Robert Schrickel in honor of Barbara Hughes.

## **Gathering**

Preparation for Worship

*Just before he threw the money changers out of the temple, Jesus wept over Jerusalem and said these words:  
“If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!  
But now they are hidden from your eyes.”*

Prelude

Messe du Premier Ton: Kyrie: Gravement

André Raison

Call to Worship

from Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord,  
my strength and my redeemer.**

Let us worship God!

§ Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Lord, we confess that we break your heart. We pay you a visit on Sunday, but we long to go  
home to our other gods. We gather before you halfheartedly, waiting to go back to worshipping  
ourselves. We say we long for you, but we actually long for more money and comfort.**

**Have mercy, O God, and renew our hearts within us. Help us to make you first in our lives.  
Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

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**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 652

A Grateful Heart  
Stanzas 1, 3

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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.

### Comments for Contemplation

Amos: Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters      Luke 19:41-44; Amos 2:6-8,12-16; 5:21-24

1. I needed to know the words of James and Peter, "God opposes the proud, and but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time." This is true not only of individuals. The pride of \_\_\_\_\_ also goeth before their fall.
2. This week we come to Amos, a shepherd from the south who was called by the Lord to preach to the northern kingdom in the days of that dark time of history. Before the priest Amaziah (7:10-17), Amos insists that he is not a professional prophet nor part of a family or guild of prophets, but that the Lord had called him from herding sheep in the south to prophesy to the people of Israel in the north, because apparently none of the religious \_\_\_\_\_ in the northern kingdom was up to the task.
3. Amos warned them of a coming destruction and doom. Remember that Amos prophesied just prior to Hosea from about 760-750 B.C. And it was about 28 years later, in 722 B.C. the things of which he warned came to pass, when the mighty Assyrian Empire succeeded in crushing the capital city of \_\_\_\_\_ after a three year siege, and sent the inhabitants of the northern kingdom of Israel into exile.
4. 2 Kings 19:35 indicates a devastating defeat of the Assyrians when the Lord struck down 185,000 of their soldiers. Some people have connected this incident with a report by the ancient Greek historian Herodotus, writing in the fifth century B.C., who told of an Assyrian defeat on the borders of Egypt because of a sudden onslaught of field mice chewing through their bowstrings and their leather equipment, and perhaps carrying the \_\_\_\_\_ with them as well.
5. After exploring every feasible maneuver the poet might be driven to the only solution possible if a happy love between the king and the maiden is ever to be achieved. It is for the king actually to become a beggar, not merely to pretend, and to seek to win the maiden's love as a beggar. This allegory shows powerfully that the Christian belief in the \_\_\_\_\_ is a belief that God became a man, actually became something which he had not been before.... Jesus is what God became when God became a man.

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

Sunday 7/2

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  
1:30 p.m.                  Family on Mission Study  
2:00 p.m.                   PCGRC

Monday 7/3

                                  Church Office Closed  
8:45 a.m.                  Preschool Summer Camp

Tuesday 7/4

                                  Church Office & Preschool Closed

Wednesday 7/5

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  
6:00 p.m.                  Family on Mission Study

Thursday 7/6

8:45 a.m.                  Preschool Summer Camp

Friday 7/7

8:45 a.m.                  Preschool Summer Camp  
9:00 a.m.                  Senior Exercise Class

***Information for the July 16th 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, Joshua Felton, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Lila Glenn, David Goff, A. Jack Gray, Dick Haney, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Elizabeth Harris, Bill Hayden, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes, Doyle Malone, Pat May, Jim McCoy, 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](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.**

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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. You can purchase tickets outside the Chapel and in the Narthex.

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.

### Call for Silent Auction Items!

Please help the Mission and Evangelism team raise funds by contributing to our silent auction. The auction will take place at our Italian Dinner on July 29 from 5-8 p.m. Auction items can be received by July 23 and brought to the church to be prepared by the M&E team. Some examples could be gift cards, or services to be performed, or a donation from a business. Call 817-451-8586 or email Sheri Quick with questions [sheriq@aol.com](mailto:sheriq@aol.com).

### Family on Mission Summer Study

Our summer study on Family on Mission continues this week. You are invited to come on Sundays from 1:30-3:00 or Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30. Books cost \$16 and we will meet in the parlor. Contact the office or one of the pastors for more information.

### Reinhold Niebuhr: An American Conscience

June 18, June 25 and July 2

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

### Senior Exercise Class

Come get fit with us! A Senior exercise class meets 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. If interested, contact Thomas Dombrowsky at 817-287-9773 or [tomasdom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomasdom@sbcglobal.net).

### Presbyterian Children's Homes Lunch & Texas Rangers Game

Sunday, August 13, we'll have youth, staff and foster families from PCHAS at Sunday School, worship and lunch for our 32nd Annual Ranger Outing. Everyone is invited to have lunch with our guests and if you want to see the 2 PM game with the Astros, we've got seats in the shade (Sec 335, Rows 9-17) - tickets are \$25 each. For tickets, contact Bob Dawson at 214-415-5396 or Lew Johnson at 817-860-6327.

