

August 6, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Nineth Sunday after 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: Divine Agha

11:00 Lay Leader: Matt Annen

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 Barbara Hughes in honor of the
church school teachers and leaders.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Prelude

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

Robert Hebble

Call to Worship

from Psalm 19

Though there is strife in the world,

Yet we will seek God.

When our hearts grow heavy and the burdens are overbearing,

We will turn to the Lord.

God is with us in all things.

We can place our trust in the God of love and hope.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

O God, we confess that we are attracted to false gods and easy answers.

**Whether we are faced with destruction and violence or wealth and the “good life”,
we can be vulnerable to temptations that could damage us both physically and spiritually.**

Forgive us, restore us, and fill us with godly resolve. In Jesus’ name we pray, 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 518

Lamb of God

LAMB OF GOD

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–14 New Testament page 225

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Scripture Reading Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–5 Old Testament page 871

The Sermon Habakkuk: O Lord, How Long? Rev. McDermott

The Table

Offertory (8:30) Deliver Me From My Enemies Gerald Near

(11:00) If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis

Cassandra Kirby, conductor

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer sung (see page 4)

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

8:30 – Come forward to partake.

*11:00 – Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements,
you may say, “**the body of Christ, broken for you,**” and, “**the blood of Christ, shed for you.**”*

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 233 The Day of Resurrection LANCASHIRE

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude Toccata in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Habakkuk: O Lord, How Long? Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-14; Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-5

1. Rather, Habakkuk is really about the purposes of God and the realization of God's will for the world. We discover that it is a book about a God whose will for humankind is that they have life and have it more abundantly. It is a book about God's desire that human beings live together in joy and security and righteousness, in a community ordered by his divine will and faithful to his divine _____.
2. After the death of King Josiah, the people began again to fall away from their faith, and wickedness began to infect the people of Judah. They no longer paid attention to the Torah, the teaching that had been rediscovered in the book of Deuteronomy that King Josiah had read to them. Now, even among the people of Judah, the wicked gang up around the righteous, and on account of this, justice is _____.
3. Civility and speaking the truth in love have fallen victim to our lower natures and our partisan peculiarities. It is as if we have forgotten the sovereignty of the One we worship, and neglected to humble ourselves before the _____ of all nations and all peoples.
4. And the Lord does answer, giving him a vision that the Lord's justice will eventually prevail and will be as plain as a large highway sign. While Habakkuk may not see it now, he is to wait for it patiently, for it will surely come. The Lord then compares the treacherous, wealthy and proud Babylonians and others with the people who are rightly related to the Lord by _____.
5. But we must be among those who live by faith, and look for the city whose builder and architect is God. We must look for the day that Habakkuk mentions in 2:14, "when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea." Friends, that day is _____!

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 8/6

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
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 8/7

9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

Tuesday 8/8

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 8/9

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
5:00 p.m. Preschool Team Meeting
6:00 p.m. Family on Mission Study
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 8/10

6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
6:45 p.m. Team Meeting Night

Friday 8/11

9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class

Information for the August 20th 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, Lee Carol Copeland, Brad Davis, Laura Duffney, 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, 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, Donna Vickers, Karl Winter, 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.

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Serving Children Six Weeks to Pre-K



**Presbyterian Children's
Homes and Services**
of Texas and Louisiana

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 13 at 9:45 a.m. to hear how PCHAS has broadened their services in an effort to bring about a positive change to the lives of families throughout Texas. Through various programs, PCHAS is working to strengthen families in crisis so that they can stay together.

Presbyterian Children's Homes Lunch & Texas Rangers Game

Also on 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 Rangers 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.

The 4-Week New Members Class

Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

Begins Sunday, August 27 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown hall

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

Week Two: "On Being a Christian in a Postmodern World"

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

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



Box Tops for Education

FPCA is beginning a church-wide collection of Box Tops for Education to benefit Carter Junior High and Blanton Elementary. These labels can be found on the tops and sides of various General Mills packages. Each label is worth 10-cents for K-8 schools. You can turn them into the orange "Box Tops" shoeboxes located in the church office and in the Fellowship Hall entrance hallway. Thanks for taking the time to save these labels to benefit our local schools!

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Teacher Appreciation Breakfast for Carter Junior High School

We will be serving teachers breakfast as they come to school to set up their rooms on Monday, August 14 at 8:00 a.m. at Carter Junior High.

Monetary donations would be appreciated to defray the cost. Thank you for supporting the teachers in our neighborhood school!

Let Sue Lavender know if you can help at 817-781-6252.

Music Ministry

Interested in leading worship through music?
Join the Chancel Choir,
Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble,
Agape Youth choir, or Children's Music Ministries!

Contact Russell Farnell for information:
817-274-8286 or
russell@firstprestexas.org

An opportunity—

To be the first smiling face a visitor to our church office sees.

To get to know and appreciate our staff members.
To add to your knowledge of office skills.

If this seems interesting to you, please think about volunteering to serve as a receptionist in the church office. Please contact Lona Watkins at wboblo@aol.com or 817-460-1372.