

August 27, 2017

# First Presbyterian Church

The Twelfth 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: Stuart & Teresa Hanson

11:00 Lay Leader: Nesha Morey

# *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 Lew and Claudia Johnson in celebration  
of their wedding anniversary.

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

from Malachi 3:10–11

*If we offer unto God the full tithe He is due, then all the nations will call us blessed.*

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Carolyn Savko and Cheryl Harris, piano duet

arr. Joel Raney

Introit (11:00)

Sing Out My Soul

Magnificat (Taizé)

Call to Worship

from Psalm 124

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**Without him our enemies would have swallowed us alive.**

Without him the flood would have swept us away.

**Blessed be the Lord who allowed us to escape like a bird.**

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**O God, when trials beset us it is natural to fear. Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking. When asked to take risks, we confess our complacency. By ignoring injustice, we hope that it will subside. You have shown us how you are a God to be trusted. Leading your people, you have stayed by our side. Even Christ overcame his enemies as he hung on the cross. Forgive our reluctance to believe in your guidance, and grant us the wisdom to seek refuge in Christ. 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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading Malachi 2:10–17 Old Testament page 889

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (11:00) Let All the World In Every Corner Sing Don McAfee

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!  
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.*

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!  
The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out*

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!  
But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!*

Scripture Reading Malachi 3:1–12 Old Testament page 889

The Sermon Malachi: Loving Father or Vending Machine? 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 We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight Phillip Moore

§ The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

§ Affirmation of Faith from Colossians 1:15–20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through  
him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

## *Sending*

§ Hymn 295

Go to the World!

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§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Finale: Go and Do the Lord's Work

Robert Powell



## *Comments for Contemplation*

Malachi: Loving Father or Vending Machine? Malachi 2:10–17; Malachi 3:1–12

1. And I hope you now understand that Biblical prophecy is not about strange visions about future happenings at the end of time. Those are called apocalyptic writings. Rather, Biblical prophecy is about prophets speaking God's Word into a given context, a divine word that reverberates into every age, a word that tells us what the future \_\_\_\_\_ of us right now in terms of loving God and loving our neighbor, and of living with justice and mercy and faith.
2. The question and answer form of the book of Malachi is a bit confusing, until you consider that the setting is a court of law. In ancient times, difficult cases were brought to the Jewish priest for adjudication. Here, the prophet imagines himself as the priestly \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Faithfulness to the covenant and to their relationship with the Lord is the key to receiving their restoration with the Lord. "Return to me and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:7b). The Lord is saying to his people, "I have loved you and I love you still." And we learn this general principle from Malachi, that when we respond in love to God's love then the windows of heaven are opened for us, that he might \_\_\_\_\_ the world through us.
4. But the truth is the blessings are discovered in the obedience and in the giving. And people of faith know that God does provide. We may be blessed materially and financially, but it is often the result of the giving of our \_\_\_\_\_ lives to the Lord, and loving the Lord with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves.
5. The truth is that the Church exists to serve Jesus by serving others. It does take resources to be the Church that Jesus has called us to be. But if we have given our hearts to the Lord, the \_\_\_\_\_ are rarely a problem.

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

Sunday 8/27

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  
12:00 p.m.                  Children's Sunday School  
Teacher Lunch & Training  
1:30 p.m.                   Family on Mission Study  
2:00 p.m.                   PCGRC

Tuesday 8/29

10:00 a.m.                  Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 8/30

7:00 a.m.                   Men's Bible Study  
10:00 a.m.                  Quilting Group  
6:00 p.m.                   Family on Mission Study  
7:30 p.m.                   Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Information for the September 10 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:***

Yvonne Babb, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Lee Carol Copeland, Brad Davis, Laura Duffney, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, David Goff, Edna Harris, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Cosme Pacot, Jim L. Quick, Albert Ross, Kyle Terwilliger, 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](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.

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The 4-Week New Members Class  
Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community  
Begins today 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"

### Children's Sunday School Teacher

#### Luncheon & Training

Today there will be a Luncheon and Training for the Children's Sunday School Teachers in the Parlor after the 11:00 service. Childcare is provided.

### Senior Flexibility Class New Days and Room Change

Come get fit with us! The Senior Flexibility Class will be changing their class days to Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in Room 103 (next to the Preschool office) The class will not meet until Tuesday, September 5.

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.

### 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.

### 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!

### 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

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### Saints Alive

Saints Alive will be starting back up on Thursday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The entertainment will be John Paul Aaron, a Texas Country Western singer. Everyone is welcome!

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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8:30 - 11:00 am

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