

September 24, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Sixteenth 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: Roger Young

11:00 Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod

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 Rob Schrickel in memory of Doyle Malone.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

*Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ,
and henceforth is known as the rock upon which the church will be built.*

Prelude Prayer in B-flat Major Alexandre Guilmant

Introit (11:00) Teach Me to Pray Russell Farnell

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him.

Tell of all his wonderful works.

Seek the Lord and his strength.

Seek his presence continually.

Let us worship the Lord.

§ Hymn 321 The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

Anthem of Confession (11:00) A Hymn to God the Father John Ness Beck

*Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun, which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.*

*Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.*

*I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done; I fear no more.*

by John Donne

Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

O God, forgive us for allowing your living water to be fouled.

There are times when we blame you for all our troubles, and cast upon you the waste in our lives. Our wants are insatiable through misuse of your mercy; we tap your good graces with unending requests. We let the waters of our baptism become barren and stagnant; new life cannot flourish when we don't do your will.

**Cleanse us through Christ, in whose name we confess our sin,
and bathe us with mercy to give us fresh hope. 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 735

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

Public Reception of New Members

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:5–8, 16–18

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Anthem (8:30)

How Can I Keep from Singing
Hunter Hendrickson, tenor

Alan Bullard

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

Matthew 16:13–20

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The Sermon

Living with the Keys of God’s Kingdom

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

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Edwin T. Childs

§ 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 Romans 8

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 66	Every Time I Feel the Spirit	PENTECOST
§ Charge and Benediction		the congregation joins hands
§ Postlude	By All Your Saints Still Striving	Robert Lind



Comments for Contemplation

Living with the Keys of God's Kingdom Matthew 6:5–8, 16–18; Matthew 16:13–20

1. God can use our suffering to teach us and to bring about a greater victory, and there is no better example than our Lord Jesus who suffered mightily at the cross, who died for our salvation and who was vindicated in his resurrection from the dead. Because of the cross of Jesus Christ, we can never again look at suffering in quite the same way as before, because we have a God who is there, suffering with us at _____ moment.
2. I was in that vicious cycle of seeking ultimate meaning in penultimate things that could never deliver the goods. While I had grown up on the margins of faith and the church, I followed in the footsteps of those who never really gave Jesus a second look, and therefore never experienced the profundity and the _____ of being a follower, a student and a disciple of Jesus.
3. We have the chance to live our lives in the strength, joy and peace of Christ. And while we may talk to people about having the keys, we get so busy and so consumed with doing God's work that we don't enjoy the access we have to God's kingdom and his riches. And so we can live lives that are filled with increasing frustration and disappointment, and we find ourselves operating with _____ strength, peace and joy, as we try to do it all by ourselves.
4. Phil. 4:19 also reads, "And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." God's desire is that we should thrive in the sufficiency of the riches of his kingdom, which are not necessarily material riches, of course. So why is it that so many do not live with the keys of the kingdom in the _____ power of the Holy Spirit?
5. He says go into your room and shut the door and pray. Time alone with the Lord in solitude is in short supply in today's fast paced society. Solitude, well-practiced, will break the power of busyness, haste, isolation and _____.
6. Fasting is simply abstaining from food to some significant degree for a significant amount of time. Like solitude and silence, it is not done to impress God or merit favor, but that we may experience the direct _____ of God to our body and our whole person. Fasting can focus us in a new way upon the things that God would have us focus on, as we learn to love God more than we love food.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/24

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
12:15 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
 Lunch
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Tuesday 9/26

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 9/27

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
6:15 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 9/28

6:00 p.m. The Well
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday 9/29

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Information for the October 8 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:

Yvonne Babb, Elaine Bahn, David Boice, Debbie Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Lee Carol Copeland, Brad Davis, Laura Duffney, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, David Goff, Edna Collins, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes, Bob Koch, 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 or 817-794-5626.

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New Members Reception

There will be a reception today after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Parlor honoring our New Members:
Jude Abam, Cassandra Hughes
Peggy Hughes.

Belize Team Now!

The 365 Fundraising Project for our 2018 trip to Belize has been wonderful! Thank you to all who have supported this mission work of our church. Now it gets personal. It is time to pray and ask God to help you discern if He is calling you to be a part of the “hands on” Belize Mission Team. You can be a part of the “home” team that helps with tasks here in Arlington either for our Christmas gifts for the girls or planning for the trip next March. Or God may be calling you to be part of the “go” team that leaves DFW on Sunday, March 11, 2018 and returns Sunday, March 18, 2018. Even if you are not quite sure, please come to our initial planning meeting on October 1, 2017, after the 11 AM service. We will have a short introduction meeting in the church library at that time. Pray and feel God’s desires in your heart.

Legacy Grandparenting Summit Thursday-Saturday, November 2-4, 2017 Rockwall, TX

The Legacy Grandparenting Summit is a national conference for today’s Christian grandparents who want to be inspired and equipped to pass their faith on to their grandchildren. Early-bird and group discounts are available until November 1. We are taking a group to the Grandparenting Summit. If you’re interested, contact the church office or Pastor Rich at 817-274-8286.
Check out the website at: summit.legacycoalition.com

Kids Beach Club

If you are interested in helping out with Kids Beach Club at Blanton or Ellis Elementary schools, please contact Kyle at kyle@firstprestexas.org or call 817-274-8286. Volunteers are greatly needed!!

Walk to End Alzheimer’s

Arlington’s Walk to End Alzheimer’s is right around the corner. The First Presbyterian Church (FPCA) is registered and Homer Reynolds is the team captain.

Walk Information:

Saturday, October 7
at UTA Maverick Activities Center
500 W. Nedderman
Arlington, TX

Check-in is 7:30 a.m.; Ceremony 9:00 a.m.
Walk at 9:30 a.m.

Register at alz.org/walk OR
alz.org/northcentraltexas or call 800.272.3900.

Come join us as we Walk to End Alzheimer’s—a disease that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. But what if one day it could? By walking together, we can help make that day happen.

Join us for breakfast/lunch following the walk at the Division Street Diner.
Questions?
Call Homer or Joan at 817-239-7240.

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Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team

We are accepting Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT). You can put your selections in the nomination boxes in the Narthex, outside the Chapel, outside the Fellowship Hall, in the offering plate, bring to the church office, or you can email your nominations to: YvetteFielder@hotmail.com.

Nominations for Elders, Deacons, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT)

Name of nominee: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Elder _____ Deacon _____ Trustee _____ Congregational Nominating Team _____