

November 26, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

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: David Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Paula Thomson

Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, we seek your counsel, we seek your comfort, we seek your wisdom, we seek your understanding. Send your spirit among us that we may satisfy these needs as your word is read, sung and preached. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-14

New Testament page 198

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)

Come, Thou Almighty King

Gordon Young

*Come, Thou almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise!
Father all-glorious, over all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend;
Come and Thy people bless and give Thy Word success; establish Thy righteousness Savior and Friend!*

*Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and never from us depart, Spirit of Power!*

*To the great One in Three eternal praises be hence evermore!
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

New Testament page 6

The Sermon

Trust: Something to Be Given

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

Nocturno

Franz Strauss

Reese Farnell, horn Cheryl Harris, piano

§ The Doxology

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**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

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

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§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Michael Burkhardt



Comments for Contemplation

Trust: Something To Be Given Philippians 4:4–14; Matthew 6:25–34

1. But after some time I realized that hypocrisy wasn't limited to Christians, that I too was a hypocrite, along with all of my non-Christian friends, and I discovered that many Christians were doing their best to be redeemed of their hypocrisy. I discovered what Ortberg and others have said, that hypocrisy is a kind of universal spiritual _____ disease.
2. And by the grace of this heavenly Father, we can begin to live lives that are headed in a new direction, a direction of faith, trust, humility, and integrity even in the face of hard times and difficult circumstances. For many of us those hard times and difficult circumstances are upon us, and we are tempted to give in to worry, cynicism, and despair. But Jesus calls us to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all of our _____ will be provided for us by our heavenly Father.
3. So here is an apostle who is imprisoned and chained in a crummy jail cell, facing trial and possibly death, telling the Philippians twice to rejoice, to not worry, to pray thankfully and to look for that peace that passes understanding. But he is not just telling them to do it... he is _____ that in his own life.
4. So we are not to worry about such things like the pagan Gentiles do who fret and strive after food and drink and clothing. Jesus concludes, "But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." So something about seeking first or striving first for God's kingdom and his relational will, is related to not worrying about worldly, _____ things.
5. Christ says, "Give Me All. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half-measures are any good. I don't want to cut off a branch here and a branch there, I want to have the _____ tree down.... [C.S. Lewis]"
6. Yes, Christianity has hypocrites and we are among them. It should be both convicting and comforting that no one has ever diagnosed and denounced hypocrisy with more power, and no one has ever offered hypocrites themselves more hope than the founder of the Christian faith. What will it be for our church? Will we cling to the natural self, the material goods, the _____ ways of this world?

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 11/26	8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Children's Music Ministries Lunch
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Monday 11/27	2:00 p.m.	PCGRC
	3:30 p.m.	Blanton Kids Beach Club
Tuesday 11/28	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Wednesday 11/29	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 11/30	6:00 p.m.	The Well
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Friday 12/1	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
Saturday 12/2	9:00 a.m.	Decorate the Church

Information for the December 10 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, Elaine Bahn, David Boice, Debbie Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Tommy and Kathryn Copeland and family, Laura and Moses Duffney, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Lila Glenn, David Goff, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Claudia Johnson, Tim Karnes, Bob Koch, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, Jim L. Quick, Aileigh Rodriguez, 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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Festival of Tables

Join the women of FPCA
for this annual Christmas event!

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Each hostess will set a unique table and serve her special dessert.
The Young Jr. High choir will entertain.

Tickets on sale November 12, 19, and 26

Price: \$3 each

Where: Red hall, outside the library, and (at 9:30) outside the office

Anyone interested in serving as a hostess or co-hostess,
please contact Bev Koch at 817-261-3202.

Gifts of Hope are back!

Buy your Gifts of Hope today! Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift market that offers a creative and caring way to honor anyone on your shopping list. Choose an organization on the list and donate the amount specified. In return you receive a card to give as a gift to friends or family. For example, the inside of one card might read, "In the spirit of Christian love the value of one chicken has been given in your honor to World Vision". This program not only supports outreach organizations, but also seeks to offer a less materialistic option for gift giving. Gifts of Hope will be available for sale after both worship services and after Sunday School between the dates of Sunday, November 26th and Sunday, December 17th. You can also stop by the church office during the week. To help or for more information, contact Laura Farnell at Laura.Farnell@gmail.com or call or text (682) 478-5676.

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Decorate the Church

Come join us as we decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Stewardship of Time, Treasure, Talent, and Trust 2018

Have we received your pledge card?

We hope you have received a letter from Pastors Rich McDermott and Chris Campbell containing a Stewardship letter, pledge card and return envelope. There are yellow pledge cards in the pews. We ask you to prayerfully consider what you can give to the Lord and his kingdom work through First Presbyterian Church of Arlington in 2018. Please return the two smaller parts of the pledge card, either in worship, or by mail, so we may know that you are committing yourself anew to the Lord's ministry at FPCA. Thank you so very much for your faithfulness to Jesus Christ and his Church!

Text Giving

For those who want an easier way to give, we have found a way to help! Giving tithes and offerings are as easy as sending a text message. You can text your gifts whenever you want to, directly from your phone. It is the quickest way to give and is faster than tying your shoes!

FPCA's Text Giving is an efficient, convenient, and incredibly secure way to donate, where the donor's information is kept safe and sound. We are happy to help you. If you have any questions, please let me know at jeanne@firstprestexas.org.

FPCA's Text Giving number is: 817-318-7013

Visit us at www.FirstPresTexas.org.

Financial Peace University

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you had no house payment? What if your kid(s) college(s) were paid for? What if you could retire with peace? What if you could GIVE more than you've ever been able to give? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future, regardless of where you are in life. If you're interested in learning more about the class, contact Katina or James Gifford: 817-565-3835 or katinap84@aol.com. FPCA is offering it on Saturdays from 10-11:30 am, January 13 to March 10, 2018. If you would like to go ahead and sign up, go to the following link or ask us to help you! Link: <https://fpu.com/1051680>

**Childcare will be available upon request. Classes will be held in the Parlor at FPCA.