

January 28, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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: Sue Lavender

11:00 Lay Leader: Judy Northup

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 Ellen and Ross Dill in honor of
their 50th wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

1 Peter 3:14–15

“Do not fear and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.”

Prelude

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

from Psalm 111

God be praised! God be praised!

I will give thanks to God with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it
have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

Great Is the Lord

RANDY EDWARDS

§ Hymn 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we often remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we know not your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we worship false gods.

Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve. 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 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 3:13–16 New Testament page 234

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (8:30) Sometimes a Light Surprises Claude L. Bass
Matt Annen, tenor

(11:00) I Will Be A Child Of Peace arr. Elaine Hagenberg

*O Holy Father, I will be a child of peace and purity,
for well I know Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.*

Scripture Reading John 1:43–51 New Testament page 92

The Sermon The Marks of FPCA: Relational Evangelism 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 Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness Johann Gottfried Walther

§ 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 first born of all creation; in him all things
in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. 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 head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of 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 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude Thou Art The Way to Thee Alone Healey Willan



Comments for Contemplation

The Marks of FPCA: Relational Evangelism 1 Peter 3:13–16; John 1:43–51

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington (FPCA)
Tagline, Vision, Mission and Core Values Statements
and the 2017-18 sermon dates related to them

12/31 - Tagline

FOLLOWING JESUS, TRANSFORMING LIFE

12/31 - Vision Statement

We seek to change lives and transform the life of our communities by knowing, following, and serving Jesus Christ in our homes, our church, and the world.

1/7 - Mission Statement

FPCA is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Core Values Statement

THE “MARKS” OF FPCA

1/14 - Missional Discipleship - We join God’s mission to all people by making disciples through knowing and following Jesus

1/21 - Authentic Worship - We give genuine praise and glory to the Lord by gathering for worship and responding to God’s Word

1/28 - Relational Evangelism - We connect with people where they are and share our love for them and the good news of Jesus

2/4 - Kingdom Focused - We seek first God’s will so that lives are transformed and empowered by God’s Spirit

2/11 - Sacrificial Service - We serve the Lord and our neighbors in our communities and around the world

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 1/28

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. This Changed Everything
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Annual Congregation Mtg
12:15 p.m. CMM Lunch
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 1/29

3:30 p.m. Kids Beach Club-Blanton
6:00 p.m. MPAC Meeting & Training

Tuesday 1/30

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 1/31

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 2/1

6:00 p.m. The Well
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
6:30 p.m. Preschool Open House

Friday 2/2

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Saturday 2/3

10:00 a.m. Financial Peace University

Information for the February 11 bulletin should be turned in to the church office by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Yvonne Babb, Elaine Bahn, David 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, Tim Karnes, Bob Koch, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, John Pittman, 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, Amie Murtha, 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.

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Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be today after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. The purpose is to receive the 2017 Annual Report and to vote on terms of call for the pastors.

This Changed Everything 500 Years of the Reformation - Film Series

What: A 6-week documentary film class
When: 9:45 a.m. continues January 28, February 4 and 11
Where: Fellowship Hall
Each Week: 30 minutes of film, 30 minutes of questions and discussion.

FPCA's First Annual Parable of the Talents Show

Please join us February 18, 2018, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to support our youth as they present to you "FPCA's First Annual Parable of the Talents Show." This will be a talent show where our youth will showcase their biblical knowledge and talents. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

The 4-Week New Members Class Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community Begins Sunday, February 25, 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"



SOUL KEEPING
CARING for THE MOST IMPORTANT PART of YOU

Soul Keeping - A six-week Lenten Bible study, video and sermon series

Lent (February 14 - March 31) is a time for preparation, repentance, reflection and prayer. This year, FPCA will focus on a new book/Bible study and DVD video curriculum by John Ortberg called "*Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You.*"

There will be opportunities starting on Sunday, January 28, to sign up to facilitate a group. Pick a time in the week you would like to meet; invite neighbors, friends and family to meet weekly. Get a study guide for each person, share a book with a spouse or friend, and get a DVD. Each weekly video session is 22-24 minutes, and the study guide is the resource for discussion and personal study. Tell Kim Lewis (Kim@firstprestexas.org or 817-274-8286) what day and time you will be meeting and who is meeting with you. Make 2018 a year of spiritual growth for you!

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Save the Date

February 4 - Luncheon for families with children in 6th grade or younger

June 11-15 - Vacation Bible School

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