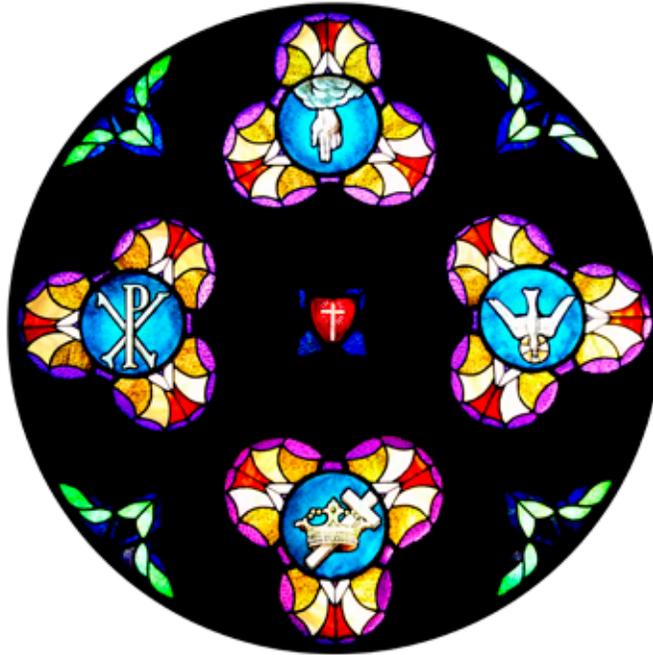


February 11, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

The Sixth 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: Phil Austin

11:00 Lay Leader: Jim C Quick

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.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Unless we're a congregation committed to sacrificial service we'll lose our direction and focus. Of course, the thing about being a living sacrifice is that it hurts. And so we'll find the implications of this principle very uncomfortable. But we know why we do it. We may find it hard but the really hard bit was done by Christ. And what we do is in response to that.

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord!

We will sing God's praises!

Seek the Lord and God's strength.

We continually seek God's presence in our lives.

Remember all the wonderful things that God has done.

Praise the Lord! Amen.

Introit (11:00)

Great Is the Lord

RANDY EDWARDS

§ Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

O God, forgive us if our eyes have been so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we have failed to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned. Forgive us for all the times we fail to touch people's lives with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy.

Remind us that we are empowered and enabled by your Spirit to witness to the values of your kingdom in and through all we do and say. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ The Gloria Patri

MEINEKE

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 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

Community Joys and Events

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Processional

William Mathias



Comments for Contemplation

The Marks of FPCA: Sacrificial Service Romans 12:1-2, 9-21; Matthew 25:31-46

1. I shudder to think of all the times that I have started to pull out from a stop sign, and realized late that a car was right in front of me that I hadn't seen behind the mirror. When it comes to driving, knowing your blind spots can save your _____.
2. God gave most of us two eyes so that we can compose the world so as to eliminate the blind spot. What is true of vision is true of the total working of the body. Our minds help us to compose our world in order to make _____ of it.
3. On another level we are a bit like Kenge, aren't we? We do not have complete knowledge of the world, and so we have composed our "world" with a number of blind spots and _____.
4. In the beginning of my adult life, I tried to compose and live my life as I had learned from my parents. But, I discovered that when Jesus is in your life, things _____.
5. Neither group recognized the Lord in his distressing disguise. Both, in that sense, had a blind spot. But those who were in the midst of doing these things out of their love for the poor, the destitute, the sick and the prisoner are the ones who inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the _____ of the world.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 2/11

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. Reception for Josh Lang
12:15 p.m. CMM Lunch
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 2/12

3:30 p.m. Kids Beach Club-Blanton
2:00 p.m. Bruce Capehart Memorial Service

Tuesday 2/13

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

Wednesday 2/14

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

Thursday 2/15

Newsletter Deadline
11:30 a.m. Saints Alive
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Friday 2/16

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Saturday 2/17

8:30 a.m. All Church Workday
10:00 a.m. Financial Peace University

Turn information for bulletin at church office on 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, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Karen Flynn, 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, Homer and Joan Reynolds, 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.

For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at juanicey@gmail.com or 817-794-5626.

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Reception for Josh Lang

Today, there will be a farewell reception for Josh after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Parlor. This is Josh's last Sunday as our organist. Everyone is welcome to say thank you for Josh's year and a half of service as organist & interim facilities manager!



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.*"

Today you can sign up to facilitate a small group or participate in 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 (for the hosts). 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!

FPCA's First Annual Parable of the Talents Show and Souper Sunday Luncheon

Please join us Sunday, February 18, at 12:30 m. in the Fellowship Hall for the FPCA's First Annual Parable of the Talents Show.

We will also have our Souper Sunday luncheon in conjunction with the talent show. It will be our "famous" Taco Soup. Please donate a can of soup to be given to Arlington Charities.

TAG Players at Saints Alive on February 15

The TAG Players from Theatre Arlington will be performing for us on Thursday, February 15 at Saints Alive at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They always entertain us with a fun program.

So fix a dish and plan to join us for this special treat. We hope to see you there. Any questions, call Bev Koch at 817-261-3202.

Lenten Services

- * Ash Wednesday Service - February 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel
- * Maundy Thursday Service - March 29, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- * Good Friday Service - March 30, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- * Easter Sunday - April 1, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services
Easter Breakfast will be between services from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The News

The News is available outside the Chapel and in the Narthex. The Newsletter continues to be in the church-wide email each month with a link to The News. You can also go to our website at firstprestexas.org and find the Newsletter under the Media tab.

We are now relying more on digital ways to get you the newsletter, and we will be saving money on printing costs.

If you prefer to have a copy mailed to you, please give the church office a call and let them know.

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"