

May 13, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



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

Guest Organist: Cheryl Harris

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

From Psalm 1:1–2

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit at the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

Voluntary

Largo from Sonata in C Major
Alex Wells, bassoon

Johann Fasch

§ Call to Worship

from Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises.

For God is Sovereign over all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations;

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace

Maori melody

§ Hymn 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Everlasting Father, who wrapped yourself in the form of a human baby:

Be to us the Friend who never leaves, the Warrior who triumphs over our evil, the Mother who always protects her children, and the Prince who brings us wholeness and peace.

Forgive our sin, and renew our fellowship with you, through the work of your son Jesus, the holy child of Bethlehem, in whose name we pray. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

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 443

There Is a Redeemer

GREEN

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:41–46

New Testament page 25

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)

The Lord God Made Them All
Treble Ensemble

Lynn Bailey and Becki Mayo

(11:00)

O Son of God, Eternal Love

Russell Farnell

*O Son of God, eternal love, who came in mercy from above
To bring to us the Father’s grace, and sanctify a ransomed race. O Son of God, alleluia!
Illumine every human mind, and grant us through your Word to find.*

*The truth that sets the captive free, the service that is liberty. O Son of God, alleluia!
To Christ whose blood for us was shed, who rose victorious from the dead,
Whose glory all the saints adore, be endless praise for evermore. O Son of God, alleluia!*

Scripture Reading

John 10:22–39

New Testament page 104

The Sermon

I AM God’s Son

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

Allegro from Sonata in C Major
Alex Wells, bassoon

Johann Fasch

§ The Doxology

**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

BCW (Philippians 2:5–11)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something
to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human
likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the
point of death—even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every other name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth, and under the
earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 634	To God Be the Glory	TO GOD BE THE GLORY
§ Charge and Benediction		the congregation joins hands
§ Postlude	Prelude in C Major	J. S. Bach



Comments for Contemplation

I AM God's Son Matthew 22:41–46; John 10:22–39

1. The beautiful window that we are looking at this week has to do with Jesus' identity as God's Son. Rather than depicting the scene of today's Scripture, it instead shows us elements of the Christmas story, where Jesus is revealed as God's Son. We see the star, the manger, three crowns representing the three magi, and the three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And if you look closely, you will see the top part of a _____ like a rising sun emerging from behind the manger, reminding us that God's Son also died for the sins of the world.
2. Within twenty years of Jesus' death the apostle Paul spoke of Christ as the one "in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell," as the "image of the invisible God," the very agent of creation and salvation "in whom all things in heaven and on earth were created" (Colossians 1:15-20). Those words identify the purpose, work, and even _____ of God inseparably with Jesus. [Jim Edwards]
3. Did Jesus know that he had an identity which his followers later came to understand in terms of his being God? If he was God (and most Christians do agree on that), did *he* know who he was? I think the simplest answer to that is yes.... [In scripture] Jesus is always shown as being aware of a particular relationship with God that enables him to speak with awesome authority. There is never a scene in the Gospel portrait where he _____ something about himself that he did not know before. [Raymond Brown]"
4. It should not surprise us that the titles "Messiah" and "Son of God" are closely related. The gospel of Mark starts with the straightforward statement: "Here begins the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). When Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, he says, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the _____ God" (Matthew 16:16). [Mark D. Roberts]
5. There are times in our lives when we are tempted to doubt that God has chosen us to be his children, to doubt that he has gifted us with gifts to be used for God's kingdom work, and to doubt that he loves us with a powerful, steadfast and everlasting love beyond what we have ever known. That is when, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we must trust the promises of the Lord in Scripture, affirming our calling and our identity and that we are utterly _____ by the Lord.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 5/13

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Tuesday 5/15

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

Wednesday 5/16

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

Thursday 5/17

11:30 a.m. Saints Alive
2:00 p.m. Mentoring Banquet (boys)
6:00 p.m. The Well
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
6:30 p.m. Preschool Spring Program &
 Fundraiser

Friday 5/18

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

Saturday 5/19

8:30 a.m. All-Church Workday

Information for the May 27 bulletin should be turned into 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, Elaine Bahn, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Kevin Chin, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Tommy and Kathryn Copeland and family, Michael Deardorff, James Ditto, Laura and Moses Duffney, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, John Pittman, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Marcia Rober, 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.

Pentecost Offering

This year our Pentecost Offering is received officially on the Day of Pentecost, May 20, 2018. As with all Special Offerings, times before and after this date are appropriate for donations also. On Pentecost Sunday, we join Christians around the world to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. The Pentecost Offering benefits children at risk, youth, and young adults. Forty percent of the offering stays locally and this year will go to HOPE Tutoring as decided by the Mission and Evangelism Team with Session approval. The other percentage will support General Assembly ministries for youth development.

For more information on the Pentecost Offering see www.pcusa.org/pentecost.

Offering envelopes are available outside the chapel and sanctuary several weeks before the offering and after for several weeks. Please use the Pentecost envelopes or designate on your check or other envelope if you are giving to the Pentecost Offering.

Please help aid youth programs in our city as well as our country and world. The theme this year is "Building a Life of Faith." The Bible verse is "God from my youth you have taught me." Psalm 71:17

Jim Reeves, Sports Columnist, to Talk about the Cowboys at Saints Alive

On Thursday, May 17, we will meet for Saints Alive in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. and then not again until September 20. Our speaker will be Jim Reeves, retired Sports Columnist for the Fort Worth Star Telegram. He will tell us stories from his book on the Dallas Cowboys and will bring copies available for purchase. So, prepare a dish to share and come for a potluck lunch and fun program. All sports enthusiasts are welcome!

Preschool Spring Program and Fundraiser

The Preschool is having its annual fundraiser and Spring Program, Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A silent auction will be in the Preschool halls Monday through Thursday, May 14-17. Please come visit and happy Mother's Day!

Join us for our Mentoring Program Banquets for Carter Jr. High Youth

For the past year First Presbyterian Church, in partnership with Oasis Church, has been conducting a mentoring program at Carter Jr. High. The mentoring program is a twelve-week classroom mentoring program for boys (MVP) and girls (Radiant Girl) featuring curriculum designed by Inspire School Programs.

Students at Carter are finishing up the program, and we are planning a banquet for both the boys and girls to celebrate the completion of the program. Please join us in celebrating with them. The boys MVP banquet will be on Thursday, May 17, 2018, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. The girls Radiant Girl banquet will be on Thursday, May 24, 2018, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Both banquets will be served at First Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall.

We are looking for Table Sponsors and Table Hosts. For **Table Sponsors** we are asking for \$50 to cover the costs of the event and your name will be at the table. For **Table Hosts** we are looking for professional men and women that can sit down at a table and share your educational/professional experience.

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at adrian@firstprestexas.org or 817-274-8286 if you are interested or have any questions.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study for the spring is Monday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Betsy Pense will teach. Potluck: bring a favorite dish. This will be the last study until fall.

Summer Celebration

(formerly the Annual Church Picnic)

Sunday, June 10, will be our Summer Celebration at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. The fried chicken lunch will coincide with the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services visit and the Rangers game. More details to come!

Preschool Summer Camp 2018

June 11 through August 3

Ages 6 weeks through 3rd Grade

Monday-Friday 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Contact the Preschool to Register at 817-274-4051

Vacation Bible School

Monday - Friday June 11-15

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

for children 4 years old to 6th grade.

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 Financial Peace University class, 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 Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m., June 18th.-August 13, 2018. If you would like to sign up, go to the following link or ask us to help you! Membership and materials costs \$109 through this class link. If you've gone through the class already but would like a refresher, please sign up at no cost. Link: <https://fpu.com/1064301>

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