

June 17, 2018

# First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



## 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: Elise JeeYoon Choi

8:30 Lay Leader: Isobel Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Katherine Copeland

# *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  
Lucy Cleaver in memory of Frances Cooper.

## **Gathering**

Preparation for Worship

*The vine is Christ; the vinedresser is God; the fruit bearing branches are the true disciples of Christ.  
A branch that is truly connected to the vine is secure and will never be removed,  
but one that only appears to be connected—one that has only a superficial connection—will be removed.  
Some think the church is their vine, and try to attach themselves to a religious system,  
but only Christ is the vine.*

Voluntary

O God be Merciful to Me

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

We come to worship as different people, **a gift to each other from God.**

We come as we are **because it is God who invites us.**

We come as important branches of the body of Christ in this place.

**Let us worship God.**

Introit (11:00)

Worship Him as One

C. O. Beck

§ Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Gracious God, we confess that our hope is in Christ, yet we find it easier to think of ourselves  
as being self-reliant. We fail to abide totally in Christ in our daily living, and often we fail to  
love one another as Christ loves us.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, cleanse us, and sustain us so that we may fully live our lives in the  
joy of your presence. 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 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Old Testament page 634

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)

Eternal Life

Olive Dungan

Bob Watkins, bass      Cheryl Harris, piano

(11:00)

Nearer, My God, to Thee

arr. Dan Forrest

*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

*E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee!*

*O let a way appear, leading to heav'n;  
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n;  
Thy Spirit beckons me nearer, my God, to Thee.*

*There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,  
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest;  
Age after age to be nearer, my God, to Thee.*

*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-11

New Testament page 100

The Sermon

I AM the True Vine

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

Andante from Sonata no. 6

Felix Mendelssohn

§ 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

**In life and death we belong to God. We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or 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 836

Abide with Me  
stanzas 1-4

EVENTIDE

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Rigaudon

Andre Campra



## *Comments for Contemplation*

I AM the True Vine    Isaiah 5:1-7; John 15:1-11

1. It started to become clear that Christianity was more about faith in a person than about following rules, more about a relationship with God than about being religiously righteous, and more about joy in following Jesus than about submitting to stifling, and \_\_\_\_\_ regulations. In short, I found that Jesus was more fun than I could have imagined.
2. Real Christian faith is full of life, and love, and joy even in the midst of the real stuff of life like suffering, pain, disease, death and sorrow, as we have had here recently. As I discovered as a young man, serious Christians don't hide themselves from joy or from suffering. Rather they face the realities of this world knowing the realities of another world, and they carry the resources of that spiritual realm into the pains and problems of this realm, with the \_\_\_\_\_ and the help and the love of the One who is Lord of both realms.
3. The Lord expected choice grapes to spring up, but in a strange turn of events, the vineyard yields only tiny wild grapes, of little use to anyone. The prophet tells of the judgment of the vinegrower: this vineyard shall be laid to waste, the wall and hedge removed, and it shall be trampled down. Why? Because the Lord looked for justice in the land and found only bloodshed, he looked for righteousness, and a \_\_\_\_\_ for the poor and oppressed, but heard only a cry!
4. As we see people of all ages wander down the primrose path to destruction, are we prepared to offer any alternatives to them? Do we even believe that Jesus makes a difference in peoples' lives? Do we even believe he makes a difference in our lives? And if we do, why don't we \_\_\_\_\_ that good news with them?
5. "Now we are at the center of the secret of joy. The Lord does more than simply prune the irrelevant or distracting; he gives us the gift of being able to perceive our difficulties and troubles as occasions of his pruning providence. He does not send the rough places, people or perplexities, but he surely uses them! He gives us the power to choose what our \_\_\_\_\_ toward them will be...." [Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie]

## ***This week @ FPCA***

|                |            |                                   |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sunday 6/17    | 8:30 a.m.  | Father's Day<br>Worship in Chapel |
|                | 9:45 a.m.  | Sunday School                     |
|                | 11:00 a.m. | Worship in Sanctuary              |
|                | 2:00 p.m.  | PCGRC                             |
| Monday 6/18    | 6:45 a.m.  | Preschool Summer Camp             |
|                | 6:30 p.m.  | Financial Peace University        |
| Tuesday 6/19   | 6:45 a.m.  | Preschool Summer Camp             |
|                | 9:00 a.m.  | Senior Flexibility Class          |
|                | 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Bible Study                |
| Wednesday 6/20 | 6:45 a.m.  | Preschool Summer Camp             |
|                | 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 6/21  | 6:45 a.m.  | Preschool Summer Camp             |
| Friday 6/22    | 6:45 a.m.  | Preschool Summer Camp             |
|                | 9:00 a.m.  | Senior Flexibility Class          |
| Saturday 6/23  |            | Youth - The Great Escape          |

Information for the July 1 bulletin should be turned into Kim at the church office by this Monday.

## ***Prayer Ministry***

### ***Prayers for those with health and other concerns:***

Esther Albright, Elaine Bahn, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Kevin Chin, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Tommy and Kathryn Copeland and family, Michael Deardorff, 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, J.D. Paulk, John Pittman, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Marcia Rober, Aileigh Rodriguez, Kyle Terwilliger, Donna Vickers, Karl Winter, Mary Jane Wright

### ***Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:***

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, James Dailey, 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](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.

## **Youth Summer Camp**

It's that time of year again and we are preparing to take our youth back to The Great Escape (middle school camp/conference) and Fun in the Sun (high school camp/conference). Please help us get our youth to camp this year, especially those from Carter Jr. High and Sam Houston High School.

The cost to take a middle school student to camp is \$429 and \$445 for a high school student. Any donation that the Lord puts on your heart to give will help us greatly. The youth and youth leaders thank you in advance for all of your support!

### **Snacks for Camp/Conference Trips**

Another area of need for our youth summer camp/conference trips is snacks and bottled water. We are working with local grocery stores to see if they will donate snacks and water, but we will need as much help as possible.

If you would like to donate any snacks or water, please drop them off any time between now and Friday, June 22, at the church office or Adrian Rodriguez's office. Thank you so much for your help! Contact Adrian Rodriguez at [adrian@firstprestexas.org](mailto:adrian@firstprestexas.org) or 817-274-8286 if you have any questions.

## Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University begins this Monday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the church Parlor.

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](mailto: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.

### T-Shirt Fundraiser

Father's Day is just around the corner and The Well Students would like to help! Our youth and leaders are selling newly designed church t-shirts and we guarantee they will make a great Father's Day gift or great gift for yourself.

Shirts will be \$20 and all donations will go towards helping students go to camp/conference this summer. Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at [adrian@firstprestexas.org](mailto:adrian@firstprestexas.org) or 817.734.2726 to purchase a shirt.



### HELP NEEDED

#### WHO:

Young Adults, Older Adults, Sunday school Classes, Youth

#### WHAT:

Trim Hedges, Weed, Clean the Court Yard next to the Red Hall, Plant Grass

#### SKILLS:

A love for the Lord and desire to see our church grounds a beautiful and inviting place for our community

#### COMPENSATION:

The joy of knowing you are helping your church to fulfill its mission.

#### TO APPLY:

Contact Gary Lindley at 817-274-8286

### Youth Movie Fundraiser

Looking for a fun family outing after church? Look no further! The Well students would like to invite you to a screening of the movie "Wonder." Join us Sunday, July 22, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and the movie. Our very own youth and youth leaders will serve lunch and refreshments.

Tickets for the movie and lunch will be \$10. Look for us in the narthex on Sunday before and after the 11 a.m. service to get your ticket(s). You can also purchase tickets from Adrian Rodriguez or Talita Gottmann during the week in the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us at [thewellfpc@gmail.com](mailto:thewellfpc@gmail.com) or 817.274.8286.

### Rent-A-Student

Do you have some work you need done around the house? Need someone to take care of that work for you? Well look no more! The Well Students, our very FPCA Youth, would like to take care of those tasks for you. All donations will go towards helping kids go to camp/conference this summer.

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at [adrian@firstprestexas.org](mailto:adrian@firstprestexas.org) or 817.734.2726 to schedule an appointment.

### Senior Flexibility Class

Come get fit with us! The Senior Flexibility Class meet on Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

There is no charge, but participants will be responsible for purchasing and storing their own exercise equipment. If interested, contact Thomas Dombrowsky at 817-287-9773 or [tomasdom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomasdom@sbcglobal.net).