

June 24, 2018

# First Presbyterian Church

Fifth 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: Susan Fuchs

8:30 Lay Leader: David Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Jane Leathem

# *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 Debbie and Bill Richardson in celebration  
of their 50th wedding anniversary.

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

John 18:36

*Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."*

Voluntary

Lift Up Your Heads

J. Wayne Kerr

Call to Worship

from Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!

**It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard,**  
upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

**It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!**

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

**Let us worship God.**

Introit (11:00)

All Creatures of Our God and King

Ralph Vaughan Williams

§ Hymn 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.**

**Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us. 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 629

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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Community Joys and Events

## *Proclaiming*

Scripture Reading

John 1:43–50, 6:15

New Testament page 93

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)	Brother James' Air Lisa House, soprano     Susan Fuchs, piano	arr. Brian Dean
(11:00)	Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Karyn Myers, guest director	Dale Wood
	<i>Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and Cornerstone; Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.</i>	
	<i>To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray, and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.</i>	
	<i>Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.</i>	
Scripture Reading	John 18:28–40	New Testament page 112
The Sermon	I AM a King	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	Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices	Paul Manz
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§ 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

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## *Sending*

§ Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Allegretto

Alexandre Guilmant



## *Comments for Contemplation*

I AM a King John 1:43–50, 6:15; John 18:28–40

1. It is the Lord who created us, who redeemed us, who sustains us and who provides for us. Giving thanks to God is one way of recognizing how the universe is ordered as well as our station in it. It is therefore a reasonable question to ask ourselves, who or what is the authority in our lives? Whom or what do we \_\_\_\_\_? Because, as I've said, "we're gonna serve somebody."
2. And instead of being able to extend the love of Jesus to others in our lives beyond this place, we sometimes cause people to say, "I'm not interested," by the words we say or actions that we make. It is my prayer that as we re-discover Jesus as both the king of the universe and the king of our lives, that we will grow into being the \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ that he has called and equipped us to be.
3. The Jewish religious leaders have brought Jesus to the Roman procurator, Pontius Pilate because Pilate has the power to crucify Jesus and put him to death. Part of their claim that Jesus deserves death is that he has allowed himself to be hailed as the "king of the Jews," which was considered political \_\_\_\_\_ because the emperor was the only one who was considered a sovereign king who could establish rulers over the empire.
4. Jesus indirect answer is powerful. He says, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the [Jewish religious leaders]. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Again Jesus deflects the question. "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
5. And Jesus insists that everyone who belongs to the truth listens to his voice. Pilate was not inclined to prosecute Jesus and makes a token attempt to let Jesus go. But the crowds have made up their mind, and we know the rest of the story. Did you ever think about how remarkable it is, that twenty centuries later, Christians can still claim as King a man who was crucified like a common \_\_\_\_\_, and, quite literally, lived to tell the tale?

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

Sunday 6/24	Youth-The Great Escape
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
Monday 6/25	Youth-The Great Escape
6:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University
Tuesday 6/26	Youth-The Great Escape
6:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday 6/27	Youth-The Great Escape
6:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
Thursday 6/28	Youth-The Great Escape
6:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Friday 6/29	Youth-The Great Escape
6:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
Saturday 6/30	Youth - The Great Escape

Information for the July 8 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.

## **Naturally Supernatural Conference Friday and Saturday, August 3-4, 2018**

Mark your calendars for the Naturally Supernatural Conference. On Friday and Saturday, August 3-4, 2018, we are richly blessed to be hosting at our church one of the leading pastors in the missional church movement, Paul Maconochie (pr. mack-uh-know-chie). Paul followed Mike Breen as Senior Pastor at the church in Sheffield, England that has pioneered the work of missional communities and the 3DM movement. Paul now leads the 3DM National Team in the USA, and is pastor of Grace Gathering in New Haven, IN.

Our local Mission Affinity Group (MAG – a small group of pastors/churches seeking to join forces for God's mission) on behalf of the Fellowship Community here in the DFW area, is sponsoring this regional conference. (We sponsored a similar event two years ago with Jim Singleton.) The early bird cost (thru 7/20) is \$30, and is \$40 on 7/21 and later, which includes materials, snacks and lunch on Saturday. You can register online at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) by entering "Naturally Supernatural Arlington, TX." It is my hope that we can see a strong representation of our church members and leaders for this special event. Thank you for prayerfully considering this excellent opportunity for learning and growing in Christ!

## 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. 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 [thewellfpca@gmail.com](mailto:thewellfpca@gmail.com) or 817.274.8286.

## July 2018: Analyzing the Bible as a Masterpiece of Literature

The Theological Inquiries and Indagators Sunday School Classes will host the Reverend Dr. Larry Thomas in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, July 1, 2018, for four Sundays. Larry's topic will be "Analyzing the Bible as a Masterpiece of Literature." Larry's talk will begin at 9:30 a.m.

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## 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 or email: [facilities@firstprestexas.org](mailto:facilities@firstprestexas.org)

## T-Shirt Fundraiser

Our youth and leaders from The Well are selling newly designed church t-shirts and we guarantee they will make a great gift for your family or 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.



## 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.