

July 1, 2018

# First Presbyterian Church

Sixth 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

Guest Organist: Susan Fuchs

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leader: Maggie Johnson

# *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 Allen and Carole Ray in celebration  
of their 48th wedding anniversary.

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

Revelation 1:7

*“Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.”*

Voluntary

O God, Thou Faithful God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Call to Worship

Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord:

**There is no one like our God!**

The First and Last – the only One:

**There is no one like our God!**

Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer and King:

**There is no one like our God!**

The Rock in whom we place our trust:

**There is no one like our God!**

Let's worship God together.

§ Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**God of all creation, before time and beyond space, we admit to our human limits as we try to  
imagine the reign of truth that you envision for us. When we follow worldly powers and stray  
from the good path you desire for us to follow, forgive us, and give us Jesus.**

**Speak through our words and deeds, that your will may be done in our time. Embolden us with  
the confidence that your reign will one day come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. 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 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading                      Isaiah 44:6–8                      Old Testament page 673

Children’s Time (11:00)

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

Scripture Reading                      Revelation 1:1–8, 21:1-8, 22:12–16a                      NT pages 245, 259, 260

The Sermon                      I AM the Alpha and the Omega                      Rev. McDermott

## ***The Table***

Offertory (8:30)                      Variations on ‘Westminster Abbey’                      David N. Johnson

(11:00)                      Ave Verum Corpus                      W. A. Mozart

*Ave, verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum immolatum in Cruce pro homine,  
Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit et sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man,  
Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood,  
Be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord’s Prayer sung (see page 4)

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

8:30 – *Come forward to partake.*

11:00 – *Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements,*

*you may say, “the body of Christ, broken for you,” and, “the blood of Christ, shed for you.”*

Prayer after Communion

## ***Sending***

§ Hymn 306                      Blest Be the Tie That Binds                      DENNIS

§ Charge and Benediction                      the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude                      Prelude on ‘Thaxted’                      John A. Behnke



## The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; \_\_\_\_\_

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### Comments for Contemplation

I AM the Alpha and the Omega Isaiah 44:6–8; Revelation 1:1–8, 21:1-8, 22:12–16a

1. Many of the other sayings we are dealing with have come from the Gospel According to John, but today's saying is found in the book of The Revelation to John, which is a series of visions that repeat with wonderful variety certain great principles of God's just and merciful \_\_\_\_\_ of the whole creation.
2. That is part of the idea being communicated here. We are being told that all things find their wholeness and completion in Jesus Christ, who is the beginning and end of all things, in whom also we may find our \_\_\_\_\_ and completion.
3. But just as a gifted runner who never practices will falter if he runs only when the track meet has arrived, so also the Christian who does not cultivate a vital and living relationship with Jesus will find himself or herself unable to receive all that Jesus has for him or her, when the \_\_\_\_\_ times come.
4. There are at least three important areas in our lives of which Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega, or the beginning and the end: Jesus is the beginning and end of our \_\_\_\_\_; he is the beginning and end of our \_\_\_\_\_; and he is the beginning and end of our \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Only Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit can redeem and sustain a true friendship. And whenever we allow Jesus to be the center of our relationships, they have the possibility to become what they were designed and intended to be: filled with the very love that comes from God, and a powerful means for \_\_\_\_\_ and sustaining us in life.

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

Sunday 7/1

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

Monday 7/2

6:45 a.m.                 Preschool Summer Camp  
6:30 p.m.                 Financial Peace University

Tuesday 7/3

6:45 a.m.                 Preschool Summer Camp  
9:00 a.m.                 Senior Flexibility Class  
10:00 a.m.                Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 7/4

Preschool & Church Office Closed  
for 4th of July

Thursday 7/5

6:45 a.m.                 Preschool Summer Camp

Friday 7/6

6:45 a.m.                 Preschool Summer Camp  
9:00 a.m.                 Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the July 15 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.

## **The 4-Week New Members Class**

### ***Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community***

Begins Sunday, July 29, at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**Week One: "Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"**

—This is a chance to share our journeys of faith with one another, and learn about one another.

**Week Two: "On Being a Christian in a Post-modern World"**

—What it means to be a Christian and why it is so vitally important in today's world.

**Week Three: "Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian"**

—This will help us understand the blessings and issues of our particular tradition in the family of faith.

**Week Four: "On Being Sent: Relational Ministry, Missional Discipleship and Incarnational Witness"**

—A chance to learn about gifts, equipping, ministry and mission.

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

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

## 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-chee). 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!

### 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)

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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).