

July 8, 2018

# First Presbyterian Church

Seventh 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: Phil Austin

11:00 Lay Leader: Juan Carlos Gavalda

# *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 Russell Farnell in honor of Laura Farnell,  
celebrating 18 years of marriage today.

## **Gathering**

Preparation for Worship

2 Samuel 2: 1-4

*David inquired after the Lord, "Shall I go up into the cities of Judah?" the Lord said to him, "Go up." David said, "To which shall I go?" He said, "To Hebron." So David went up there, along with his two wives. David brought up the men who were with him, every one with his own household and they settled in the towns of Hebron. Then the people of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.*

Voluntary

Our Father who Art in Heaven

Georg Böhm

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Know the Lord is God.**

It is he who made us, and we are his.

**We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

§ Hymn 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near to us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt.**

**Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from wisdom. 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 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Community Joys and Events

## **Proclaiming**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-5, 10

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Children's Time (11:00)

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



§ Affirmation of Faith

**In life and in 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 the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in 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 652

A Grateful Heart

ROCKINGHAM

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

“Allegro Molto” from Sonata No.6, Mov. 1

Felix Mendelssohn



*Comments for Contemplation*

I AM the Root and the Descendant of David and the Bright Morning Star  
Isaiah 11:1–5, 10; Revelation 22:14–21

1. This is the final sermon in our series of twelve on “Jesus and the Great I AM,” corresponding with the twelve beautiful windows in our sanctuary identifying twelve “I AM” statements in the Bible. Today’s sermon will speak to our Christian belief that Jesus is the root and the descendant of David and the bright morning star. These images all speak to Jesus’ identity as the messianic king foretold in Isaiah, chapters nine and eleven, and that identity having been \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus’ ministry, death and resurrection.
2. Revelation may have been completed near the end of the first century, during the oppressive reign of the Roman emperor Domitian. One reason for the vision being presented with mysterious figures and strange metaphors, was to prevent Roman police from recognizing that this book is a trumpet call to the persecuted, assuring them that despite the worst persecution, God reigns supreme, and Christ has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ all evil.
3. Notice also, just prior to the I AM statement, that Jesus, himself, is the guarantor of the truth of all that John has seen and heard in the vision. Not only does he apply the Alpha and the Omega title to himself in verse 13, as we talked about last week, but he then says, “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this \_\_\_\_\_ for the churches.” Just as Jesus promised this revelation to John in the opening verse of the book, so now this is the final testimony that however the vision came, it came from him, and is intended for the churches.
4. In calling himself the root, Jesus is making a direct reference to the passage we read in Isaiah 11:1: “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” Jesse is the father of King David. Jesus is saying here that the promised ideal and divine Messiah, the root that comes from Jesse, has been fulfilled in him. Jesus is the promised descendant of David who rules over the \_\_\_\_\_ of justice and righteousness that will have no end.
5. Jesus is also says “I am the bright morning star.” Way back in Numbers 24:17, which we did not read today, there is another promise of a Messianic king that says, “A star shall come forth out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.” Jesus is again identifying himself with the anticipated Messiah. In addition, the bright morning star is something that heralds a new day that will scatter the darkness of the night. Likewise in Jesus, the darkness of sin and death and \_\_\_\_\_ flees from his presence.

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

Sunday 7/8

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 7/9

                                  Youth - Fun in the Son  
6:45 a.m.                 Preschool Summer Camp  
6:30 p.m.                 Financial Peace University

Tuesday 7/10

                                  Youth - Fun in the Son  
6:45 a.m.                 Preschool Summer Camp  
9:00 a.m.                 Senior Flexibility Class  
10:00 a.m.                Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 7/11

                                  Youth - Fun in the Son  
6:45 a.m.                 Preschool Summer Camp  
8:00 a.m.                 Men's Bible Study  
10:00 a.m.                Quilting Group

Thursday 7/12

                                  Youth - Fun in the Son  
6:45 a.m.                 Preschool Summer Camp

Friday 7/13

                                  Youth - Fun in the Son  
6:45 a.m.                 Preschool Summer Camp  
9:00 a.m.                 Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the July 22 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.

### **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)

### **Preschool Enrollment for Fall**

The Preschool is enrolling for the fall. Church members get a 10% discount on monthly tuition.

The first day of school is Monday, August 13.

Please contact the Preschool office at 682-551-1207.

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# NATURALLY SUPERNATURAL

AUGUST 3-4, 2018

Friday  
7-9 pm

Saturday  
9:30 am - 4 pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Paul Maconochie  
3D Movements

## 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!

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

The Theological Inquiries and Indagators Sunday School Classes is hosting the Reverend Dr. Larry Thomas for four Sundays, July 1 - 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Larry’s topic will be “Analyzing the Bible as a Masterpiece of Literature.”

## 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 [thewellfpc@gmail.com](mailto:thewellfpc@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 are \$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.



## 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.