

August 19, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

Thirteenth 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: Jonathan Terwilliger

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.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by
Barbara and Don Smith in celebration
of their 16th wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Voluntary

Fantasia in G Minor

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

Great are the works of the Lord.

He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered.

He is gracious and merciful, ever mindful of his covenant; and the works of his hands are perfect and trustworthy.

His praise endures forever!

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

That Is the Day That the Lord Has Made

Timothy McKinney

§ Hymn 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Almighty God, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen.

We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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 634

To God Be the Glory

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Commissioning and Prayer for Teachers

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:1–5

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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.

Anthem (11:00)

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.

He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.

He is the Word, we are his hands, he will lead us.

He is the air, we are his song. We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

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Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:6–20

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The Sermon

Making the Most of the Time

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

Light of Heaven

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

The Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer #26

What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?"

I trust in God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity is sent upon me in this world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Toccatà in D Minor

J. S. Bach



Comments for Contemplation

Making the Most of the Time Ephesians 5:1–20

1. Christianity also teaches that our minds, souls, bodies and spirits are connected and important: that God is interested in what we believe, what we think, what we say and what we do (in private and in _____), and each part affects the others.
2. When we persist in our sin and ignore God’s Word and God’s wisdom, we can find ourselves lost in darkness, without guidance and without direction. But today’s lesson from Ephesians helps us understand how, by the grace of God, we can live as children of _____, and how our behavior must follow our beliefs and our thoughts.
3. If someone says to you, “it doesn’t matter what you believe so long as you believe,” you need to say to that person, “Baloney.” Say it nicely, of course. But it’s baloney. If you believe false and dangerous things you will reap the negative consequences of that belief, whether it is a religion or philosophy or a worldview or a personal _____.
4. “For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of _____, but instead expose them...for everything that becomes visible is light.... Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.”
5. Maybe you are thinking, well I have my own views about what is good and true and right, especially when it comes to sexual ethics. Ask yourself, “Are your views pleasing to the Lord? Have you prayerfully researched the Bible, the Church, and Christian Ethics historically to arrive at your views, and are they generally _____ by Christians worldwide?”

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 8/19

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

Tuesday 8/21

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 8/22

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

Thursday 8/23

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday 8/24

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
5:00 p.m. CNT Meeting

Information for the September 2 bulletin should be turned into Kim at the church office by this Monday.

Children's Ministry Volunteers are needed for the following areas:

Blanton Kids Beach Club needs small group leaders, people who can greet and visit with kids and listen to memory verses, and people who will pray for the school, teachers, students, parents and Beach Club.

Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School class needs at least 1 and possibly 2 people to help the third and fourth Sunday of every month.

Starting in September we will be adding another elementary Sunday School class for 1st and 2nd graders. We need 2 people each week to lead this class.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kyle Terwilliger at kyle@firstprestexas.org or 817-274-8286.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Richard Ankele, Elaine Bahn, Jack Bos, 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, Jackson Lindley, 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, Al Smithson, Kyle Terwilliger, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Richard Whitenight, 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 or 817-794-5626.

Music Ministry

Interested in leading worship through music?
Join the Chancel Choir,
Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble,
Agape Youth choir, or Children's Music Ministries!

Contact Russell Farnell for information:

817-274-8286 or
russell@firstprestexas.org

Commissioning and Prayer for Teachers

Today at the 11 a.m. service we will have Commissioning and Prayer for the Teachers.

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Kids Beach Club Lunch & Training

Sunday, August 26, Kids Beach Club will have a display by the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service and training in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. Stop by after the 11:00 service to learn about Kids Beach Club and to get questions answered.

Training will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m. for anyone interested in volunteering with Kids Beach Club. All Arlington churches that participate in Kids Beach Clubs are being invited. Lunch will be available for people planning to stay for the training.

Carter PTA Members

Now is the time to re-new your Carter PTA Membership. We are looking for new members who want to see students eyes light up with the possibilities.

We also need some workers for concessions. FPCA and HANA built & furnished a chess board. Carter youth are currently ranked #1 in Chess in the district. Please contact Allen Ray for an application at 817-271-0236..

Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

Children's Ministry Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon and Training - Sunday, September 16 at noon in the Parlor.

Luncheon for families with children in 6th grade or younger - Sunday, September 9.

Kids Night Out - Friday, September 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Box Tops

Thank you so much to everyone who collected Box Tops for Education during the 2017-2018 school year! In the past 12 months, we collected about 900 Box Tops for a total of \$90 for Blanton Elementary and Carter Junior High. A new school year means another year of opportunity to support our church's neighborhood schools. Please look for and collect these labels, which can be found on the tops and sides of various General Mills packages. Each label is worth 10-cents for K-8 schools. You can turn them into the orange "Box Tops" shoeboxes located in the church office and also in the Fellowship Hall entrance hallway. A few tips for collecting: 1) Please check the expiration date since the program does not accept Box Tops that have expired. 2) If you have time to trim the Box Tops label before turning it in, that makes them easier to sort and process. Feel free to email Laura. Farnell@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for taking the time to help benefit our local schools!



Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team

We are accepting Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT). You can put your selections in the nomination boxes in the Narthex, outside the Chapel, outside the Fellowship Hall, in the offering plate, bring to the church office, or you can email your nominations to Maggie Johnson at: teachmepretty@yahoo.com.

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Name of nominee: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Elder _____ Deacon _____ Trustee _____ Congregational Nominating Team _____