

September 2, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

Fifteenth 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. Chris Campbell

Guest Organist: Elise Choi

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leader: Jamee Shroyer

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.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

There are many kinds of strength, but the most important one is the strength you need in the Lord. True Christian strength is not of the body. True Christian strength is of the spirit, measured in faithfulness, trust, and perseverance. By grace we live by faith.

Voluntary

Adagio from Sonata No.3

Alexandre Guilmant

Call to Worship

Whom do you seek here in this place?

We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.

Who has told you of God?

Jesus Christ, God's Son, has shown us the love of God through his life.

Discipleship is difficult. Are you ready?

We want to be ready. Lord, strengthen and sustain us this day.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. And we are quick to use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit.

Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. 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 519

You Are My All in All

JERNIGAN

Community Joys and Events

Missional Community Commissioning

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10–17 New Testament page 195

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 Ephesians 6:18–24 New Testament page 195

The Sermon The Whole Armor of God Rev. Campbell

The Table

Offertory (8:30) Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness Johannes Brahms

(11:00) The Armor of God John Ness Beck

Put on the full armor of God that you may be able to stand firm! Stand firm having put on the breast-plate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the gospel of peace, taking up the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God

Peace, be to you, my brethren, and love, with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be to you, my brethren, and love with faith, from God the father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love, with a love incorruptible!

*Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies through his eternal son;
Strong in the Lord of hosts, and in his mighty power.
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts, is more than conqueror.*

*From strength to strength go on, stand firm, prevail and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.*

*Still let the spirit cry in all his soldiers, "Come!"
'Til Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home. Amen.*

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 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Postlude on "America The Beautiful"

John S. Dixon



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.

Sermon Notes

The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:10-24

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/2

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 9/3

Preschool & Church Office Closed
for Labor Day

Tuesday 9/4

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Preschool First Aid & CPR
 Training

Wednesday 9/5

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

Friday 9/7

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
5:00 p.m. CNT Meeting
6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Information for the September 16 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, 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, Moses & Abe 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, 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.

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!



Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

Kids Night Out - Friday, September 7 and 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for children in 6th grade and younger We will have games/activities, pizza and a Bible lesson. Come have some fun and invite other kids as well.

Luncheon for families with children in 6th grade and younger on September 9 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

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

What's New?

As we start a new school year, a new month and new season of the year, let's celebrate the opportunity to enjoy life together, through Jesus Christ, in the family of God at FPCA!

- A big shout out to the newly revitalized TV monitors throughout the building that will let members and visitors know what's going on!

- Let's make a new commitment to come to worship this month, and bring a friend or neighbor.

- Let's wear our nametags as a thoughtful, friendly courtesy to one another.

- September 9 will be the start of the Narthex at Noon, an opportunity to have a cup of coffee, greet friends, and most especially, meet visitors or members with whom we are not yet well acquainted. Think "Welcome, welcome, welcome!"

- And finally, as we start our study of *The Story*, let's be reminded of God's precious story which includes us in His infinite love, mercy and grace. How does your story connect with God's story?.

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

The Story

Join us for a journey through *The Story*!

The Story is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. During this unique 31-week experience, every member of the family reads his own version of *The Story*. Come discover together with us how our story is found in God's story. Our journey begins Sunday, September 16, 2018 during the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. *The Story* book is \$6.00 and Study Guide is \$8.00. **Today** after the 8:30 service, you can purchase books outside the Chapel and before the 11:00 a.m. service in the Red Hall.

Children's versions of *The Story* are available for parents to purchase online at Christianbook.com. Three different books are available, and it makes the most sense for families to order which (or all) are best for each household.

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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.

Nominations for Elders, Deacons, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT)

Name of nominee: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Elder _____ Deacon _____ Trustee _____ Congregational Nominating Team _____