

September 9, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

Sixteenth 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 Choi

8:30 Lay Leader: Tina Hanson

11:00 Lay Leader: Gary Lindley

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
Jerise Agha in memory of her mother Esther Bei.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Psalm 119:9–16

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart, o that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Voluntary

Adoration

Theodore Dubois

Call to Worship

Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are upright in their hearts.

Woe to those who turn aside to their own crooked ways.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made

Timothy McKinney

§ Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Lord, we confess our unworthiness and sin to you. Forgive us, and help us through your Son,
Jesus Christ, who traded his worthiness for our misdeeds, his sincerity for our transgression,
his glory for our shame, and his life for our sins. 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 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:10–17

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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)

Pilgrim Song

Ryan Murphy

*My brethren, I have found a land that doth abound with fruit as sweet as honey;
The more I eat, I find, the more I am inclined to shout and sing hosanna.*

*My soul doth long to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior;
And as I pass along, I'll sing the Christian song. I'm going to live forever.*

*Perhaps you think me wild, or simple as a child; I am a child of glory;
I am born from above, my soul is filled with love; I love to tell the story.*

*My soul now sits and sings and practices its wings, and contemplates the hour
When the messenger shall say, "Come quit this house of clay, and with bright angels tower."*

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1–11

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The Sermon

Why the Whole Bible Is Important

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 (8:30)

Pilgrim Song

Ryan Murphy

Matt Annen, tenor Cheryl Harris, piano

(11:00)

Welcome Table

African Praise Choir

*I'm gonna enter the golden city one of these days.
I'm gonna wear my wedding garment one of these days.
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.
I'm gonna see my loving Jesus one of these days.
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey one of these days.
I'm gonna sing and never get tired one of these days.*

§ 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

Philippians 2:5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth; and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Sortie

Nicolas J. Lemmens



Comments for Contemplation

Why the Whole Bible Is Important Psalm 119:9–16; 2 Timothy 3:10–17; Matthew 4:1–11

1. The Vulgate became the chief translation of the Bible used by the western Church for nearly 1000 years. The world owes St. Jerome a debt of gratitude for this service to humankind. I tell you this story about Jerome, because he famously said something that, if you remember anything from this sermon today, I want you to remember this. Jerome said, “To be ignorant of _____ is to be ignorant of Jesus.”
2. We are lost because, even when we do talk about Jesus, it tends to be a Jesus that we have invented, a Jesus that we have created, a Jesus that may or may not have anything to do with our living Savior and Lord who is revealed to us through God’s Word in Scripture. But if our society and our world are going to survive and _____, we need to know the real Jesus, not an invented one.
3. By the year 2000, 1,862 languages have significant parts of the Bible and another 371 have had the entire Bible translated into their language, for a total of 2,233 languages, or about a third of all the languages that exist on our planet. The primary motivation of the first _____ movements, both domestically and internationally, was to teach people to read in order that they could read the Bible.
4. Here, of course, Paul is referring to the Hebrew Scriptures or what we call the Old Testament, which was the Bible of the early church. Paul says that all scripture is “inspired by God,” which literally means that the Bible is “God-breathed,” reminding us of how God in the creation account breathed upon the waters of chaos, and order came into the world. Christians historically have applied this idea of _____ to both Testaments, knowing that the Lord has used both to communicate his Word throughout many centuries.
5. Calvin put it this way; in the Institutes, he writes, “Thus, the highest proof of Scripture derives in general from the fact that God in person speaks in it. The prophets and apostles do not boast either of their keenness or of anything that obtains credit for them as they speak; nor do they dwell on rational proofs...we ought to seek our conjecture in a higher place than human reasons, judgments or conjectures, that is, in the secret testimony of the _____.”

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/9

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Children's Family Luncheon
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 9/10

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 9/11

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

Wednesday 9/12

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

Thursday 9/13

6:45 p.m. Team Meeting Night

Friday 9/14

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

Information for the September 23 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 and 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, Bill and Sue Perry, John Pittman, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Marcia Rober, Aileigh Rodriguez, Al Smithson, Kyle Terwilliger, Fred Tucker, 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.

Fall Festival Luncheon

The Fellowship Committee invites you to the Fall Festival Luncheon on Sunday, September 23, following the 11:00 a.m. service. David's Barbecue will be served. All are invited.

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?.

Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

Today is the Luncheon for families with children in 6th grade and younger at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Saints Alive Returns September 20!!

It will be fun to gather in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 20, for the return of Saints Alive after a long hot summer. Our program will be given by Danny Ray singing and playing the guitar. We all enjoyed him the last time he was with us.

Please remember to bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share for our lunch. Y'all come now ya hear and bring a friend!!

Children's Music Ministries

Children's Music Ministries starts today at 12:45 p.m.

Join us for THE STORY Sermon Series and Study

On September 16, we will begin our 31-week overarching tour of God's Word in the entire Bible (pausing for Advent and Christmas), using a 31-chapter book of Scriptures chronologically arranged called THE STORY. Both the sermon series and several Sunday School classes will follow the themes of THE STORY, which requires reading less than three pages/day, or fifteen pages/week. Copies of THE STORY are available on Sundays in the red hall or in the church office, or you can order one through Christianbook.com. Books are \$6, Study Guides are \$8. Come and discover how your story connects with God's story of steadfast love and mercy.

Get Yourself (and A Friend) to Church!

On September 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2018, we want EVERYONE come to worship and, if possible, to bring a friend! Wear your name tag, or we will provide a paper one, so we can greet each other by name. Let's be as welcoming as we possibly can to all that we meet, and especially to our guests and visitors. Remember we are starting our series on THE STORY (a new way to learn the whole Bible) and it is a great opportunity to invite family members, neighbors and friends.

We would love to see all who are able to begin a new season of worshipping together consistently. So many of us only come once or twice per month. We urge everyone in the FPCA family to make it a goal to attend worship three or more times per month, and see if the Lord can use us in a new way for his glory, for our community and for our enjoyment.

MISSION POSSIBLE

An evening supporting the local missions of
First Presbyterian Church of Arlington
Saturday, October 13
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Church Fellowship Hall ~ Tickets \$15 each

Thank You

A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Carter Jr. High Teacher Appreciation Breakfast a huge success! We served approximately 100 teachers and staff. A special shout out to McDonalds, Shipley Donuts, and Starbucks for their generous donations.

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 _____