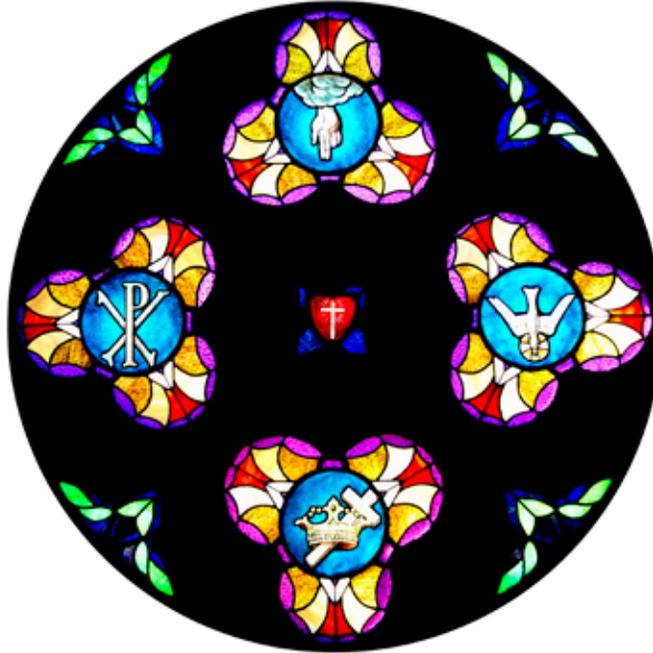


September 16, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

Seventeenth 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: Suzie McCoy

11:00 Lay Leader: Paula Thomson

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
in memory of Frances Cooper,
with appreciation for her many services to FPCA.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Voluntary

Allegretto

Jacques Lemmens

Call to Worship

O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..."

O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...and God saw that it was good..."

We gather to celebrate our God.

O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...and God saw that it was good...

All praise, honor, majesty and power belong to our creating God!

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made

Timothy McKinney

§ Hymn 650

O Beauty Ever Ancient

ANCIENT BEAUTY

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Incarnate God, for the times we've hurt you, forgive us. For the times we've hurt others, forgive us.

For the times we've hurt ourselves, forgive us. For we are made in your image and it is very good.

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 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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Community Joys and Events

Comments for Contemplation

Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It

Genesis 1:1–8, 26–2:3, 2:4–9, 15–25, 3:1–7

1. *The Story* is basically an abridged Bible, with the words of Scripture woven together so that you can get a feel for how the Biblical narrative moves chronologically. It does not replace the Bible, of course, and, in worship, we will continue to read chapters and verses from our Bibles. But *The Story* will help us to grasp the great and overarching theme of a deeply loving God who is passionately seeking for a right _____ with you and me, his people, the crown of his creation.
2. So God was alone in the beginning. That should tell us that *there is only one uncreated being and that is God*. Jews and Christians are not dualists. We do not believe that there is an equal and opposite being to God, like the devil, and that God and the devil are battling for control of the creation. No, in Christian theology the devil is a created spiritual being that has rebelled against God, and can make life difficult for humans through _____, but is in no way God's equal.
3. Human beings are created in the image of God. That does not mean we simply look like God. It means that we are given God-like capacities for reason, compassion, love, and work. Our brains enable us to discern and understand some of the creation, precisely because the creation was fashioned in the mind of God, and now our minds can grasp small bits and pieces of it, because we were created in God's image. Also notice that the image of God is not male or female, but it is both male and female. That means we cannot understand God without understanding the complementary characteristics of both male and female human beings, and they can be _____.
4. But all work and no rest makes Johnny and Sally neurotic. I stole this line, but I would say, remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. Saturday is really the Jewish Sabbath, and Sunday is the Lord's Day for Christians, so everyone here can thank the Lord, as well as Jews and Christians, for their weekends. That means resting for a day, and giving it to the Lord for worship and rest. What a _____ idea! And how many of our problems in this world might that solve?
5. "God did not take Eve out of Adam's head that she might rule over him or to be superior to him. Nor did God take Eve out of Adam's feet to be trampled upon by him or that she might be lower than him. But God took Eve out of Adam's side that she might be his equal, and from under his arm that she might be protected by him, and from close to his heart that she might be _____ by him."
(adapted from Matthew Henry)

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/16

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 Ministry
 Volunteer Lunch & Training
12:15 p.m. CMM Lunch
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. Health and HOPE
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 9/17

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday 9/18

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

Wednesday 9/19

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 9/20

11:30 a.m. Saints Alive

Friday 9/21

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

Information for the September 30 bulletin should be turned into Kim at the church office by this Monday.

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

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, 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.

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.

THE STORY Sermon Series and Study

Join us today we 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.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Women's Monday Night Bible Study guides are now available for pick up in the church workroom. There is a box on the long counter with the guides and an envelope for the cost of the book. Study guides are \$10. Please make sure you sign your name and note if you paid cash or by check.

We will resume Monday, September 17, in the church Parlor at 6 p.m. September is a potluck. Please bring a favorite dish. All women are invited to this Bible study.

Questions? Contact coordinators Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com).

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!!

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.

Children's Ministry Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon

Today is the Children's Ministry Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon and Training at 12 noon in the Parlor.

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.

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 worshiping 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.

Confirmation Class

The youth ministry will be starting a new confirmation class on Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 9:45am-10:45am in the Cross Cafe for students in 7th-12th grade. If you have a student that you would like to go through confirmation class or if you have any questions please contact Adrian Rodriguez at adrian@firstprestexas.org or 817.274.8286.

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

Name of nominee: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Elder _____ Deacon _____ Trustee _____ Congregational Nominating Team _____