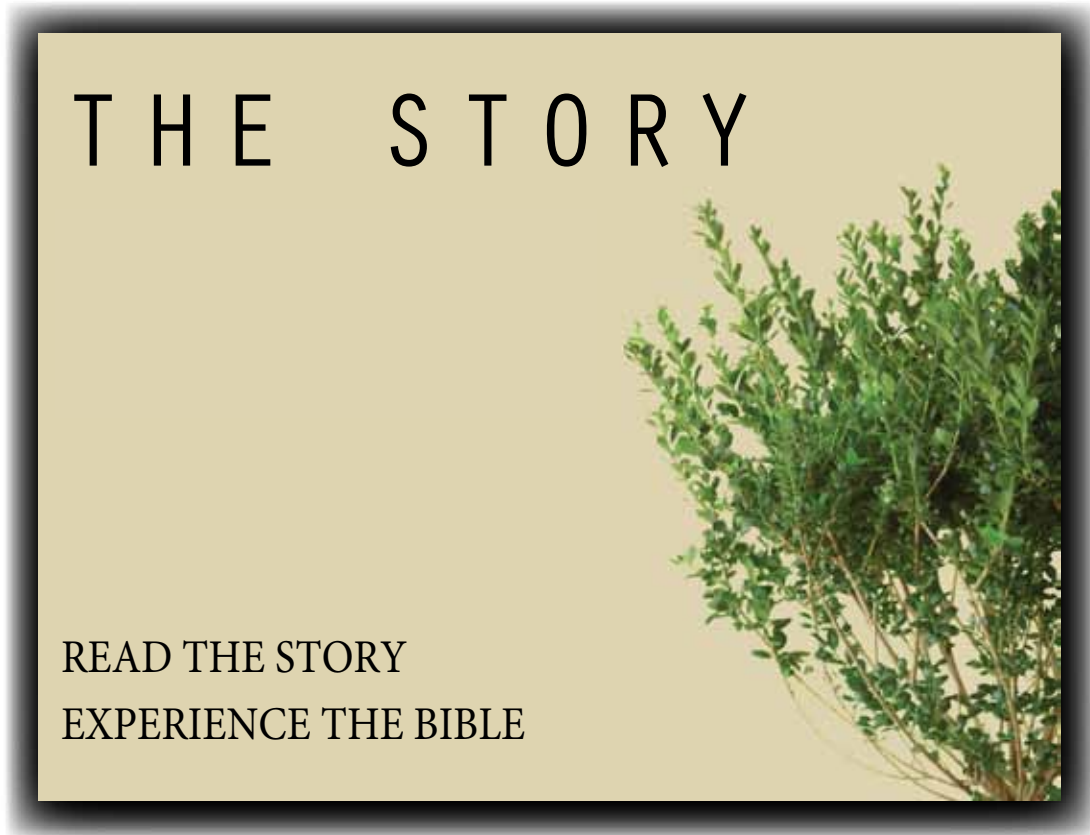


October 7, 2018

# First Presbyterian Church

Twentieth 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

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leader: Anna Njei

# *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 Helen and Bill Moulton in celebration  
of their 56th wedding anniversary.

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

Exodus 3:14–15

*God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."*

Voluntary

Savior of the Nations, Come

Dieterich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

This place for us is holy ground.

**Here we sing songs of praise to the Lord and repeat the stories of faith.**

The stories inspire us to respond to Christ's love.

**God called us here in whispering winds and in burning flames.**

His presence disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us.

**God meets us in our vulnerability, our humanity.**

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**God, just as you called Moses so long ago, so you call each one of us to speak and act on your behalf in our world today. Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow; when we question your call or make excuses for our abilities; when we complain about our lack of time or hoard our resources.**

**Give us courage to step out in faith, to follow where you lead without hesitation or fear, trusting that your presence goes with us, and that you will provide all that we need. 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 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading Exodus 1:6–12; 2:11–15; 3:1–15 Old Testament page 48

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 Exodus 14:5–9, 13–16, 21–31 Old Testament page 60

The Sermon Deliverance: God Calls Moses Rev. McDermott

## ***The Table***

Offertory (8:30) Go Down, Moses arr. Benjamin Culli

Bob Watkins, bass Cheryl Harris, piano

(11:00) Saints Bound for Heaven Mack Wilberg

*Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt's yoke set free  
Hail the glorious jubilee. And to Canaan we'll return by and by.*

*Our Deliverer He shall come by and by. And our sorrows have an end  
With our three-score years and ten. And vast glory crown the day by and by.*

*And when to Jordan's floods we are come. Jehovah rules the tide  
And the waters He'll divide. And the ransom'd host shall shout, "We are come."*

*Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice, shouting glory to our King  
Till the vaults of heaven ring. And through all eternity we'll rejoice.*

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 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude Variations on OLD HUNDREDTH Naji Hakim



## 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.

### Comments for Contemplation

#### Deliverance: God Calls Moses

Exodus 1:6–12; 2:11–15; 3:1–15; 14:5–9, 13–16, 21–31

1. God does not call many people to be pastors, but he does call every Christian to do something for his Kingdom. Each of us is given a gift for ministry, and letting God use our gifts in His service is a key to discovering the right path for our lives. As we look, today, at the call of Moses, perhaps the greatest prophet in the Old Testament, may we, by the grace of God, be inspired to a new level of faith and \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
2. A Levite man and his wife had a fine baby boy whom they hid for three months, then decided to put him in a basket on the Nile in hopes that he would be found and live. Sure enough, as the baby's sister watched, the daughter of Pharaoh the king, while she was bathing in the Nile, found this Hebrew baby in the basket, and decided to raise the boy herself. She asked for a \_\_\_\_\_, and hired the boy's mother to serve in that capacity. Then notice, (in chapter two verse ten), that the Pharaoh's daughter named the boy *Moses*.
3. We read there, "After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. God heard their groaning, and God remembered their covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites and God took \_\_\_\_\_ of them." Have you ever felt like God might have forgotten his promises to you?
4. God went on to say that he was sending Moses to Pharaoh to tell him to free the people of Israel. Moses said, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you;..." Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your \_\_\_\_\_ has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."
5. The Lord saw, the Lord heard, the Lord called, and the Lord responded. Moses, the murderer, the fugitive, the shepherd, and the prophet also responded to God's call. He hesitated, he was reluctant, he suffered and he told the Lord to send someone else. But in the end, he \_\_\_\_\_ and obeyed the Lord so that he could lead God's people. Are we ready to do the same?

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

Sunday 10/7

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

Monday 10/8

Preschool Closed

Tuesday 10/9

9:00 a.m.          Senior Flexibility Class  
10:00 a.m.          Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 p.m.           HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 10/10

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 10/11

2:45 p.m.          Mentoring Program  
6:30 p.m.           HOPE Tutoring  
6:45 p.m.          Team Meeting Night

Friday 10/12

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

Saturday 10/13

5:00 p.m.          Mission Possible Dinner

Information for the October 21 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, Mike Copeland, 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, 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](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.

## **Trunk or Treat**

Saturday, October 27, 2018  
4:00 PM- 6:00 PM in the South Parking Lot

Trunk or Treat is an outreach project to encourage our local community and families to get to know FPCA. Please join us in providing a safe place for children and families to participate in a special shared activity.

Volunteers from FPCA are needed to:

- \* Decorate car trunks and pass out treats to children
- \* Assist in monitoring activities and games
- \* Donate candy for trunks and prizes for games
- \* Serve hot dogs and lemonade

Please sign up at church to help or call Sheri Quick at 817-451-8586. Candy and prizes can be donated outside Kyle's office or near office entrance.

# 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

## Children's Family Luncheon

Today will be the Children's Family Luncheon at 12 noon in Room 214.

## Saints Alive to Meet October 18

We can all look forward to having the "Sorta Sisters" entertain us with their 40's music. Bill Flynt will be at the piano and the drummer plus the trio will get us in a swingin' mood. So fix up a tasty dish to share with the group and join us for a rockin' good time!! Thursday, October 18 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall.

## All Nations Celebration Dinner

The All Nations Celebration Dinner will be Saturday, October 20 from 4-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Cameroon community will be hosting but anyone is invited to bring a dish if they wish.

## The 4-Week New Members Class

### *Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community*

Begins Sunday, October 21 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown 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.

## THE STORY Sermon Series and Study

Join us as we continue 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 for purchase before Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. Books are \$6, Study Guides are \$8. Come and discover how your story connects with God's story of steadfast love and mercy.

## The Thanksgiving Baskets are Coming!

**October 21** is the Kick-Off Sunday to sign up to bring food for Thanksgiving Baskets. First Presbyterian Church is again joining Arlington Charities in feeding those who, otherwise, may not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. The Mission and Evangelism Team set a goal of: **225 Baskets**.

Please sign up outside the Fellowship Hall, outside the Chapel or in the Red Hall. You can sign up as an individual, family, or a group. After you sign up please take your numbered Basket Sheet with the requested list of food items and the attached envelope for the pie crust and turkey donation.

Again this year you may bring the food items in your own grocery bags you have on hand. Please return your numbered Basket Sheet and attached envelope along with your food items to the Fellowship Hall on or before **Sunday, November 11**. You can also help by bringing any extra food items as over 900 families are fed by Arlington Charities. These families are Arlington citizens and they are families who can't make ends meet. Each bag feeds one family so they can celebrate Thanksgiving together at home.

Thanks - The Mission and Evangelism Team