

October 21, 2018

# First Presbyterian Church

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

## THE STORY



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EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE

## 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: Isobel Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Maggie Johnson

# *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 Harold and Sandy Thomlinson  
in honor of their wedding anniversary.

## **Gathering**

Preparation for Worship

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

Voluntary

Andante Religioso from Sonata No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**May our worship reflect God's glory.**

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

**May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

**We commune with Christians around the world, and throughout time.**

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

§ Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. 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 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading                      Numbers 11:10–15, 31–34; 13:1–2, 25–28, 30–32                      Old Testament page 129

Children’s Time (11:00)

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 216.

Anthem (8:30)    Deep River    arr. Moses Hogan  
Cassandra Kirby, soprano                      Cheryl Harris, piano

(11:00)    Deep River    arr. Roy Ringwald

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan,  
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp ground.  
Oh, don’t you want to go to that gospel feast,  
That promised land where all is peace?  
Oh, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp ground.*  
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Scripture Reading    Deuteronomy 8:11–20    Old Testament page 165

The Sermon    Wandering—The Forty Years    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    Allegretto from Sonata No. 4    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 Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *Sending*

§ Hymn 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

DIX

Voluntary

Allegro Maestoso e Vivace from Sonata No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands



## *Comments for Contemplation*

### Wandering—The Forty Years

Numbers 11:10–15, 31–34; 13:1–2, 25–28, 30–32; Deuteronomy 8:11–20

1. Instead, the Lord shows that He is both merciful and just by giving Israel the law, or the teaching, in the form of ten commands. These commands show that the Lord wants to be in right relationship with us, and that He has given us the means by which we can live out the behavior that God expects of us. Chris rightly noted that this was a great \_\_\_\_\_ to the world because the Lord, who revealed Himself to Moses, is not whimsical, ruthless or capricious.
2. But instead of giving thanks to the Lord, and for his humble servant, Moses, the people grumbled and complained and blamed Moses and God for their troubles, rather than looking at their blessings. That should sound somewhat familiar to our \_\_\_\_\_ today, because we tend to do the very same thing.
3. Joshua then spoke up, “If the Lord is pleased with us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us.... Only do not rebel against the Lord; and do not fear the people of the land, for they are no more than bread for us; their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.” But the whole congregation threatened to \_\_\_\_\_ them.
4. Friends: there are occasions when we are faced with challenging and risky decisions, for which the consequences are not clear but they are immense and long term. Opting for the apparently safe choice is not always the right way to go, but opting for the choice that is faithful to God always is. Caleb and Joshua lost the vote of the spies by a ten to two margin. But we can see that God’s will is not always with the \_\_\_\_\_. Caleb and Joshua opted for the choice that they knew was faithful to the Lord. And so must we.
5. Moses says, “When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them...and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.... Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might or my own hand have gotten me this wealth.’ But \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant.... If you do forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish.”

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

Sunday 10/21

8:30 a.m.                   Worship in Chapel  
9:45 a.m.                   Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.                   New Member Class  
9:45 a.m.                   Confirmation Class  
11:00 a.m.                 Worship in Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. Children's Music Ministries  
2:00 p.m.                   PCGRC

Monday 10/22

3:30 p.m.                 Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 10/23

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

Wednesday 10/24

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 10/25

2:45 p.m.                 Mentoring Program  
6:00 p.m.                   The Well  
6:30 p.m.                 HOPE Tutoring  
7:00 p.m.                 Session Meeting

Friday 10/26

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

Saturday 10/27

4:00 p.m.                 Trunk or Treat

Information for the November 4 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, Brooks Taylor, 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.



## The Thanksgiving Baskets!

**Today is the Kick-off** 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

## The 4-Week New Members Class *Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community*

Begins today 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.

## 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

\* Donate candy for trunks and prizes for games

\* Assist in monitoring activities and 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.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

The Thanksgiving Dinner will be Sunday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## 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.