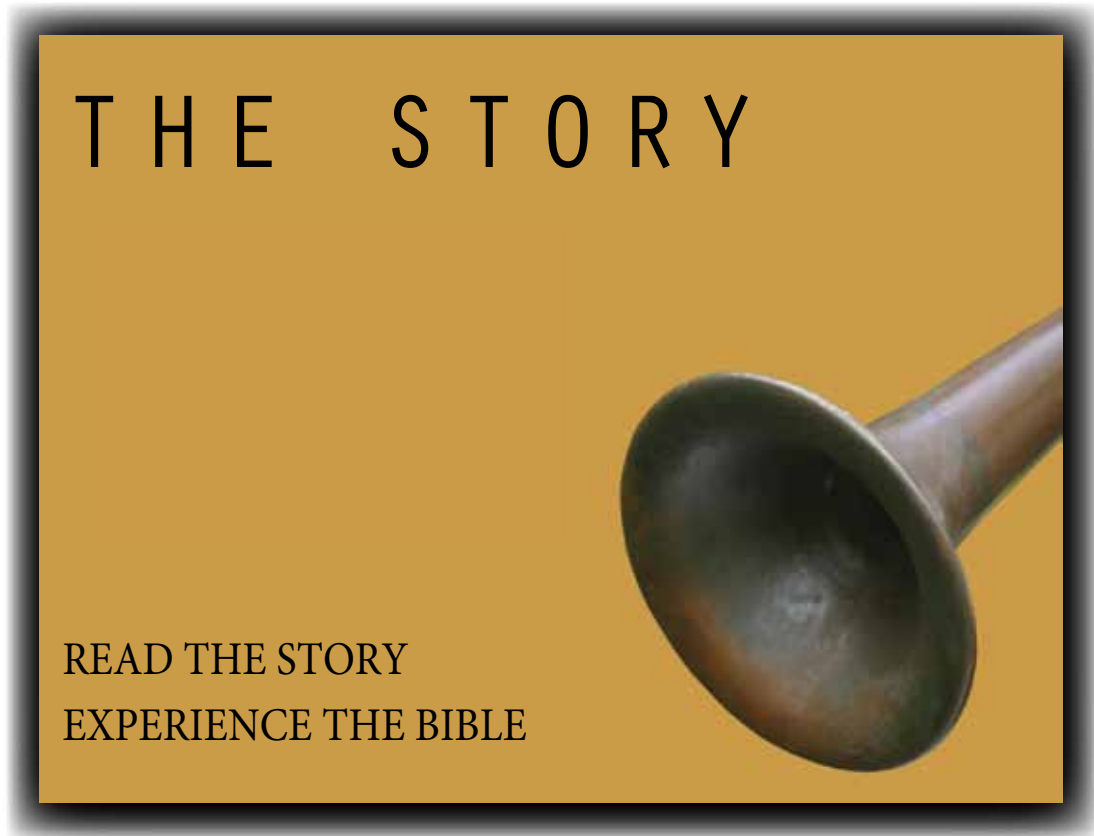


October 28, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

Twenty-third 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: David Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Lona Watkins

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 the Formusoh family in memory of

Na Emilia Aboh Formusoh and Ba Ntantoh Formusoh.

Worship design by Lucia Bitnar.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Joshua 3:14–17

Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away. The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

Voluntary

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Dale Wood

Call to 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.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

My Strength and My Redeemer

Mein Leben

§ Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Gracious and loving God, we sin without a second thought. Often, we do not think of you at all—in our choices, in our words, or in our actions. We are indifferent to your Word and deaf to your Spirit. We exchange your truth for a lie.

Forgive us and make us clean. Refresh and renew us so that we may more keenly hear you and obey your call on our lives. Help us to live by your grace and for your glory. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Joshua 1:1-9; 6:1-7, 15-23 Old Testament page 194

Anthem (11:00) The Battle of Jericho Moses Hogan

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho and the walls come tumbling down.

*Talk about your kings of Gideon, talk about your men of Saul,
but none like good old Joshua at the battle of Jericho, that morning.*

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho and the walls come tumbling down.

*Right up to the walls of Jericho, he marched with spear in hand.
"Go blow that ram horn!" Joshua cried. "Cause the battle am in my hand.*

*Then the lamb, ram, sheep horns begin to blow the trumpet begins to sound.
Joshua commanded the children to shout! And the walls come a tumbling down.*

Oh Lord, you know that Joshua fit the battle, yes, the battle of Jericho and the walls come tumbling down.

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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.

Scripture Reading Joshua 24:14-18 Old Testament page 216

The Sermon The Battle Begins 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 Allegro Spiritoso Jean Baptiste Senaille

Reese Farnell, horn Cheryl Harris, piano

§ 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

Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of
Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere
the giver and renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing
in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to
the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

Sending

§ Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Dieterich Buxtehude



Comments for Contemplation

The Battle Begins

Joshua 1:1–9, 6:1–7, 15–23; 24:14–18

1. “The biblical concept of idolatry is an extremely sophisticated idea, integrating intellectual, psychological, social, cultural and spiritual categories. There are personal idols, such as romantic love and family; or money, power and achievement; or access to particular social circles; or the emotional dependence of others on you; or health, fitness, and physical beauty. Many look to these things for the hope, meaning and _____ that only God can provide.” (Timothy Keller)
2. We may believe that an improved economy, or a political leader, or a common ideology, or a good education, or the right vision of social equality will save us. All of these things have some merit, but they cannot and they will not deliver us or save us from the evils we face. Unless we turn to the Lord God Almighty to save us, we will forever be wallowing in an idolatry that _____ us, rather than a relationship with the One who sets us free.
3. And three times, the Lord says to him, “Be strong and courageous,” and then he adds, “for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” This may be an encouragement to us as well. This is what we may learn from our lesson today. The future is bright for all those whose God is the Lord, and who are strong and courageous in _____ for Him.
4. What is remarkable about this story is that the greatness of the Lord, the God of Israel, becomes apparent even to this Canaanite woman of Jericho who is a prostitute, and that she is willing to commit treason in order to save her family, to follow and worship the Lord, and to throw her lot in with the people of Israel. Her chosen vocation was not accepted among the Israelites, so this most certainly was a _____ point in the life of Rahab.
5. The farmers of Canaan persuade some that sacrificing to Baal and to Yahweh, the Lord, the God of Israel was something that was acceptable. But it is not. Joshua makes the choice quite clear in his closing speech. After they have conquered much of the land, he says, “Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my _____, we will serve the Lord.”

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 10/28

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 Lunch
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 10/29

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 10/30

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

Wednesday 10/31

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 11/1

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

Friday 11/2

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

Information for the November 11 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, Jake Winkler, Karl Winter, Mary Jane Wright, Bob Zakrzewski

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.



The Thanksgiving Baskets!

It's time 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. Please return your sheet and check to the Fellowship Hall.

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*

Continues in week two at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown hall

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.

Preschool Collecting Coats and Jackets

The Preschool is collecting gently used coats and jackets until Wednesday, October 31st. All sizes and genders are needed. The collection box is in the hallway by the Preschool Office.

Thanksgiving Dinner

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

Preschool International Potluck

The Preschool will have an International Potluck on Tuesday, November 20 at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 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.

Senior Flexibility Class

Come get fit with us! The Senior Flexibility Class meet on Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge, but participants will be responsible for purchasing and storing their own exercise equipment. If interested, contact Thomas Dombrowsky at 817-287-9773 or tomasdom@sbcglobal.net.

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