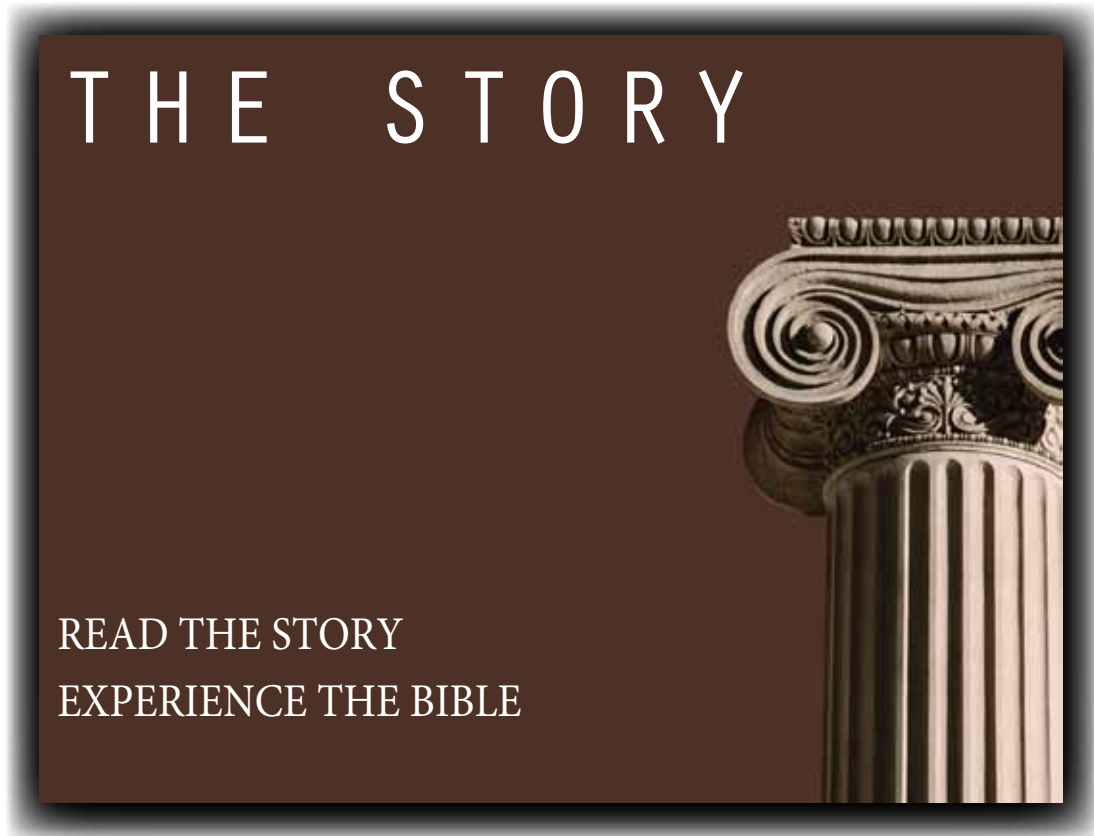


November 4, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

All Saints Sunday



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: Jim Shroyer

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.

Those who have lost loved ones this year are invited to take a rose from the display after the service.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

We were made to meditate. God designed us with the capacity to pause and ponder.

He means for us not to just hear him, but to reflect on what he says.

Man does not live by bread alone, and meditation is slowly relishing the meal.

Voluntary

What a Friend We have in Jesus

arr. Dale Wood

Call to Worship

Jeff Shrowder, 2003

Praise God among the communion of saints. **Let the people of God rejoice in their creator.**

Let them praise the Lord with dance, **and celebrate with musical instruments,**
because the Lord delights in them, **and adorns the despairing with welfare.**

Let all the saints jump for joy; **let them cry out with gladness where they rest.**

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 806

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

God of all ages, from generation to generation you have heard the cries of your children humbly seeking forgiveness. You have welcomed sinners back into your embrace. Please hear the thoughts of our hearts, examine our motives, and forgive us our faults. We ask this through your son who died and rose that we might know salvation. 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.

Service of Remembrance

Remembering the Saints

Deloris Yvonne Babb, David Boice, Bruce Capehart,
Frances Cooper, Richard Haney, Patricia Hollers, Claudia Johnson,
Robert G. Landolt, Albert Ross, Eulabel Sheldon, Bryan Siegel,
Maurine Strong, Fred Tucker, Jr., Charlene Watson

§ Passing the Peace

Greet those around you with, **"The peace of Christ be with you."**

§ Hymn 452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

OPEN THE EYES

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Judges 2:11–18 Old Testament page 218

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 Judges 6:11–17, 36–40; 7:2–8 Old Testament page 224

The Sermon A Few Good Men...and Women: Judges Rev. McDermott

The Table

Offertory (8:30) Chorale No. 2 César Franck

(11:00) Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal arr. Alice Parker

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.*

Hallelujah, praise the lamb! Glory to the great I AM!

*And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away.*

*Souls have cross'd before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blessed.*

Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-710859

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 326 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude Praeludium in F# Minor Dieterich Buxtehude



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

A Few Good Men...and Women: Judges Judges 2:11-18; 6:11-17, 36-40; 7:2-8

1. So we see this cycle of idolatry, sin, and rescue by a leader. And later in Judges, when things are at their worst, we read this: "all the people did what was right in their own eyes." Can you think of a more apt description of 21st century _____? Who, in our country, wants to be told what is right and wrong, what is true or false, what is good and evil?
2. In fact, I hope that as we look at the Judges today that we will take a ruthless inventory of our own hearts, much as Andrew Carnegie did. As we do, we need to ask, what are the idols that I give my time, my effort and my heart to? What are the resulting actions and behaviors that I am always trying to _____, even though I know in my heart that they are keeping me from doing my very best for the Lord?
3. And what we discover is that the Lord is prepared to use some very fallible people in order to bring about victory and some periods of shalom for the people of Israel. The good news for us is that even in our own turbulent and idolatrous time today, God can use us, his fallible servants, to bring about his _____ work, if only we are open to being the leaders God calls us to be.
4. And Jael, who apparently fears the Lord and supports Deborah and the people of Israel, comes to Sisera softly with a tent peg, and prepares to end his life. Two important lessons from this story are these: 1) The Lord uses women to execute his will, using Deborah the prophet, judge and military leader as well as Jael, a courageous woman who, with the help of God, subdued the rival general; 2) The Lord can bring _____ even when the odds are not good.
5. So are we, today, in a downward cycle much like the period of the Judges? Some would say yes we are. Our idols are many and powerful, our decadence knows no bounds, our morality is at a low ebb and people do only what is right in their own eyes. Like the Bible, we are doing what is evil in the sight of the Lord. But how do we change it? Where do we muster up the _____ to change the vicious cycles of degradation in our society and even in the church?

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 11/4

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
12:00 p.m. Children's Family Luncheon
12:00 p.m. Stewardship & Practicality
12:15 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 11/5

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 11/6

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

Wednesday 11/7

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 11/8

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

Friday 11/9

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the November 18 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.

Box Tops Update

Box Tops collecting for the 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start. So far this school year, we have collected about 200, or about \$20 worth of Box Tops for Carter Junior High and Blanton Elementary. Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

Please continue to look for and collect these labels, which can be found on the tops and sides of various General Mills packages. Each label is worth 10-cents for K-8 schools. You can turn them into the orange "Box Tops" shoeboxes located in the church office and also in the Fellowship Hall entrance hallway. A few tips for collecting: 1) Please check the expiration date since the program does not accept Box Tops that have expired. 2) If you have time to trim the Box Tops label before turning it in, that makes them easier to sort and process. Feel free to email Laura.Farnell@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for taking the time to help benefit our local schools!

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.

Stewardship & Practicality

A Sunday Workshop Over Lunch with James & Katina Gifford

Are you about to give for the first time? Are you already giving and want to do more? Are you struggling financially and want to give but not sure how you can? We go through life getting guidance from parents, teachers, family, and pastors. Then we move out on our own and are supposed to have everything figured out. Sometimes, we need just a little guidance and support. James and I would like to help guide you with your giving. It is a spiritual decision, and every dollar you give to your church is a gift. We can help you learn how to give the way the Holy Spirit is leading you, so you can impact His Kingdom the way you were meant!

For those participating, lunch will be served.

When: Today, Sunday, November 4th

Time: Immediately after the 11 o'clock service

Room: Church Parlor

Please call and we will have lunch for you.

Questions: Katina Gifford, 817-565-3835

CALL TO PRAYER

JOIN US leaders and members of FPCA on a conference call to pray for First Presbyterian Church of Arlington next WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 at 6:00 PM

Dial (605)472-5424 then enter the access code: 188116 - You can pray aloud or just listen!

We will be praying for God's reconciling work in our world, our nation, our community, our ministries, our worship, our staff, our leaders, our stewardship campaign, and our future as a family of faith.

Please mark your calendar!

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 church office.

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

Thanksgiving Dinner

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Team will provide meat and dessert.

If your last name starts with:

A through G Bring salad

H through O Bring potatoes or dressing

P through Z Bring vegetables

We are also looking for a few friends to help us cook the turkeys. If you are willing to help, please call Isobel Peden at 214-263-6361 for more information. A little assistance in the kitchen would also be greatly appreciated. We will provide any and every kitchen volunteer with a lovely blue apron.