

November 11, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

Twenty-fifth 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. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Phil Austin

11:00 Lay Leader: Talita Gottmann

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 Jay Graham in recognition of birthdays of Susan, precious wife and dearest friend, and the U. S. Marine Corps, both on November 10.

Gathering

Prelude

Passacaglia in D Minor

Max Reger

Preparation for Worship

Kurt Vonnegut, 1973

All the people of all the nations which had fought in the First World War were silent during the eleventh minute of the eleventh hour of Armistice Day, which was the eleventh day of the eleventh month. It was during that minute in 1918, that millions upon millions of human beings stopped butchering one another. I have talked to old men who were on battlefields during that minute. They have told me in one way or another that the sudden silence was the voice of God. So we still have among us some men who can remember when God spoke clearly to mankind.

Call to Worship

Come, take your rest this day.

Lord, free us from the stresses we have endured this week.

Come, put your minds at ease.

Lord, ease the burdens and frustrations of our lives.

Come. For this is the house of the Lord. It is here that you will find peace.

Praise and thanks be to God for giving us sanctuary.

Let us observe a moment of silence, to listen for God speaking to us.

Introit (11:00)

Battle Hymn of the Republic

arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!*

*I have seen him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps, His day is marching on!
Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on!
Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!*

§ Hymn 33

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

O God, how foolish we are to think we can hide our failings from you. We treat our bodies as trash cans for junk food, not as sanctuaries for your Spirit. We get drunk on the seductions of our society, while daintily sipping at your living water. We doze under the tree of temptation, hoping you won't see us and expect us to wake up and follow Jesus.

Please forgive us. Your grace mends our brokenness, your compassion removes our sin, and your love is made human in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound AMAZING GRACE

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:1–5, 15–17; 2:1, 8–12 Old Testament page 241

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) I Will Mary Carpenter Davis
Lisa House and Kaitlyn Quinn, duet Shina Heo, piano

Scripture Reading Ruth 3:6–11; 4:13–17 Old Testament page 243

The Sermon The Faith of a Foreign Woman: Ruth Rev. Campbell

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 (8:30) Chorale No. 2 César Franck.
(11:00) Songs of Praise African Praise Choir

§ 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 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Passacaglia in D Minor

Max Reger



Sermon Notes

The Faith of a Foreign Woman: Ruth

Ruth 1:1-5, 15-17; 2:1, 8-12 Ruth 3:6-11; 4:13-17

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 11/11

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:45 a.m. New Member 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 11/12

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 11/13

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

Wednesday 11/14

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
5:15 p.m. Preschool Team Meeting
6:00 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 11/15

11:30 a.m. Saints Alive
2:45 p.m. Mentoring Program
6:00 p.m. MPAC Annual Meeting
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Friday 11/16

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

Saturday 11/17

1:00 p.m. Fellowship Team Set Up for
 Thanksgiving Dinner

Information for the November 25 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, Bob Johnson, 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, Homer Reynolds, 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 Marge Dawson at mdawsonarltx@att.net or 817-980-6825.

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!

The Thanksgiving Baskets!

Today is the deadline for turning in the Thanksgiving Baskets. 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. 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.

Please keep the yellow sheet with your basket number with the food. You can return your check for the pie crust and turkey donation to the church office.

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.

Saints Alive to Meet November 15

Our church Seniors group, Saints Alive, will meet Thursday, November 15 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our program will be a speaker, Yale Youngblood, who is the editor of Arlington Today. Join us for this interesting program and a potluck lunch. Please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share with the group.

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 Preschool hallway and classrooms.



Update on Mission Possible Dinner!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Mission Possible Dinner a success. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and greatly enjoyed having the Carter Jr. High Treble Choir join us. Together, we raised \$3,009 for local missions. We will be sending \$602 of the funds raised to support our neighbor - Carter Jr. High Choir.

Decorate the Church Saturday, December 1st

Join in getting the church ready for the Advent season by hanging the garlands, Christmons, and other decorations throughout the church beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Belize Mission 2019 - March 10th - 17th

Is the Lord calling you to go to Belize? If you have ever thought that you would like to join the Belize Mission Team, then 2019 is the year for you! We are currently finalizing the team for Belize. The deadline to finalize the team is only 2 weeks away. If you have any interest in Belize, please contact Suzie McCoy at 817-271-5995.