

February 24, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



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: Divine Agha

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 Ann Turney in honor and appreciation
of Kathy & Suzie McCoy.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Zechariah 8:16-17

*Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace,
do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath;
for all these are things that I hate, says the Lord.*

Prelude

Be Still, My Soul

Tim Doran

Introit (11:00)

Lord of All

DIX

Call to Worship

Return to the Lord your God, **for God is gracious.**

Confess to the Lord your God, **for God is merciful.**

Repent to the Lord your God, **for God is slow to anger.**

Praise the Lord your God, **for God abounds in steadfast love.**

Worship the Lord your God.

Together, let us worship God!

§ Hymn 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTTGART

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Lord Jesus, we confess that our lives are often not focused on you.

We are focused on earthly successes, on moving up, on gaining status.

We neglect those around us and have forgotten the need in our world.

Forgive our selfish ways, O God, and call us back to loving our neighbor,

sharing what we have, thinking of others, and how we can be your love and light in the world.

Thank you for forgiving us and taking us back again and again. In Jesus' name 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 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 8:1-17

Old Testament page 883

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (11:00)

Poor Wayfaring Stranger
Hunter Hendrickson, conductor

arr. Mary Ann Cooper

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger while traveling through this world of woe.

Yet there's no sickness, toil or danger in that bright land to which I go.

I'm going there to meet my father. I'm going there no more to roam.

I'm just a-going over Jordan. I'm just a-going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me, I know my way is rough and steep.

But golden fields lie out before me where God's redeemed their vigils keep.

I'm going there to meet my mother. I'm going there no more to roam.

I'm just a-going over Jordan. I'm just a-going over home.

I want to wear a crown of glory when I get home to that bright land.

I want to shout salvation's story in concert with blood-washed band.

I'm going there to see my Savior, to sing his praise forever more.

I'm just a-going over Jordan. I'm just a-going over home.

Scripture Reading

Haggai 1:1-8; 2:1-9

Old Testament page 878

The Sermon

The Return Home

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

Adagio e Dolce

Johann Sebastian Bach

§ 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

Scots Confession 3.01

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Prelude in B Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach



Sermon Notes

The Return Home

Zechariah 8:1–17; Haggai 1:1–8; 2:1–9

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 2/24

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

Monday 2/25

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club
6:00 p.m. MPAC Meeting

Tuesday 2/26

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
2:45 p.m. Mentoring Program
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 2/27

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 2/28

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 3/1

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

Saturday 3/2

10:00 a.m. Financial Peace University

Information for the March 10 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, Vannah Caylor, Kevin Chin, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Mike Copeland, Michael Deardorff, Laura, Moses and Abe Duffney, Wasim Abusaef, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, The Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jack Gray, Phil Haven, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, J.D. Paulk, Sue Perry, John Pittman, Nita Price, Jim L. and Jo Ann Quick, Sarah Rabb, Joanna Rabourn, Joan and Homer Reynolds, Al Smithson, Brooks and Connie Taylor, 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, Peyton Steeno, 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.



YouthCue Choir Festival Grand Concert

The YouthCUE Choir Festival Grand Concert will be live streamed today at 3:00 p.m. Below is the watch link. Right now there is just a placeholder when you click on the link, but it will go live about 20 minutes before the concert begins. <https://clevr.me/hosted/youthcue/>

Diving Deeper

FPCA Women's Retreat
March 29 to 31, 2019

Hilton Garden Inn Granbury

Brochures and registration forms available in the office, online, and throughout the church

FPCA Women's Ministry Team
womensministry@firstprestexas.org

Women's Retreat Reservations

The Woman's Retreat will be held March 29 - 31 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Granbury. Reservations for the Women's Retreat will be taken today outside the Chapel following the 8:30 a.m. service and in the Red Hall and outside the library before and after the 11:00 a.m. service. The brochures and registration forms are available in the church office through the week and may be mailed to Bev Koch, 2808 Burlwood Drive, Arlington, TX 76016. Please contact Bev at 817-261-3202, if you have any questions.

Thank You! Souper Bowl of Caring Donations

On behalf of the youth ministry, we would like to thank you for all your donations for our Souper Bowl of Caring initiative. We collected a total of 329 pounds of soup that we donated to Arlington Charities. Thanks again for all of your support!

First Presbyterian Preschool

Summer Camp



Ages 6 weeks through 3rd Grade

June 10, 2019 – August 2, 2019

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be Monday-Friday,
June 10-14, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Down On The Farm petting zoo will there Monday & Friday
from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Sunday Flowers

Dear Congregation:

For some time now FPCA has provided flowers only when people sign up and there is a dedication. We know that you love having fresh flowers to make our worship spaces even more beautiful so since we have a lot of Sundays available following Lent, we thought we'd issue a gentle reminder. If you would like to sign up to provide a floral arrangement, there are two flower charts: one outside the Chapel and one outside the southern entrance to the Sanctuary. Flowers are placed first in the Chapel for early service and then moved to the Sanctuary for all to enjoy. You may take all or part of them home, or request they be distributed by the Congregational Care Team. The standard cost is \$50.00 per arrangement.