

January 3, 2016

# First Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Christmas



*Glorify. Grow.*

***Mission Statement:***

We, as the Church, are the Body of Christ equipped through prayer by the Holy Spirit to glorify God; through passionate worship, nurturing fellowship, sacrificial service, respectful evangelism, and active discipleship, we encourage and challenge all ages of our congregation and community to grow in relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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. Fred Babb

Organist: Sandra Davis

# *The Worship of God*

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

**Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.**

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

## *Gathering*

Welcome

Voluntary

Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Pelkins Ajanoh, piano

arr. Ajanoh

Meditation

Colossians 1:20

*And through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.*

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,

**the maker of heaven and earth**

who comes to our aid in times of need;

**who gives us the courage to do what we know is right;**

who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us,  
and confess Him alone as Savior and Lord.

**This is our God!**

Let us worship God together.

§ Hymn 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

§ Prayer of Confession

**Father, forgive us when we fail to love others as you have loved us. Forgive us, O Lord, for any  
attitude that we harbor that sees ourselves as better or more righteous than others.**

**Please fill us so full of your love that there is no room for intolerance. Please enable us through  
your abiding presence to live our lives in a manner worthy of the name we bear. 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, Amen.**

§ Passing the Peace

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

§ Hymn 150

As with Gladness Men of Old  
Stanza 1

Dix

Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading                      Colossians 1:15–20                      New Testament page 200

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Scripture Reading                      Matthew 16:13–23                      New Testament page 18

The Sermon                      Who Do You Say That I Am?                      Rev. McDermott

§ Affirmation of Faith                      Apostles' Creed, hymnal page 35

**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.**

## ***The Table***

Offertory (8:30)                      Priere and Berceuse                      A. Guilmant

(11:00)                      Brightest and Best                      Paul Sjolund

Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer sung (see page 4)

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," and, "the cup of salvation."*

Prayer after Communion

## ***Sending***

§ Hymn 151                      We Three Kings of Orient Are                      KINGS OF ORIENT

§ Charge and Benediction                      *the congregation joins hands*

## *The Lord's Prayer*

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

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.

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## *Comments for Contemplation*

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Colossians 1:15–20, Matthew 16:13–23

1. Today, I would like to suggest that there is no more important decision in our lives than to make up our minds and our \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to Jesus.
2. Jesus does want to ask us some questions, because he wants to know us better, and wants to allow us to know him \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Beliefs and ideas have consequences, and an invented or madeup belief about Jesus only further distances us from knowing the living Lord Jesus of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. If we do not know what we believe about Jesus and learn to put our trust in Him, then we may be among those who will fall for \_\_\_\_\_.
5. This should remind us of our constant need to be trusting in Jesus, so that we do not allow our own agendas to overshadow who Jesus is and what He is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. He is to come before our spouses, before our vocations, before our passions in recreation, and even before our political \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Sunday 1/3

8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	APNC Meeting

Monday 1/4

Preschool Back to School  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday 1/5

6:00 p.m.	Preschool Staff Meeting
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Wednesday 1/6

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

Thursday 1/7

6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
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*Information for the January 17th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to [kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org) by this Monday.*

*If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Rev. Fred Babb, our Parish Associate for Congregational Care, at the church office*

*817-274-8286 or his cell phone: 817-995-9717.*

*For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at [juanicey@gmail.com](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.*

## ***Prayer Ministry***

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

Esther Albright, Chona Pacot Anwar, David Boice, Morgan Boles, Andrew Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Jerry Colleps, Laura Duffney, Laura Farnell, Bonnie Forte, Bobbie Fowler, Susan Graham, Joann Hanson, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, David Irons, Deva Kellam, Doyle Malone, Garrett Mastin, Mary Ellen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Tim Poston, Homer Reynolds, Albert Ross, Carky Schultz, Tonya Scrabeck, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Calvin James Stambaugh, Lorraine Swanson, Allen Underwood, Audrey Wallace and Mary Jane Wright

*Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:*

Aaron Alonso, Ben Boughton, David Caldwell, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Matthew Lopez, Mike Mancini, Jack Murtha, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young and Robbie Wallace

*Prayers for the families of those who have passed:*

The family of Mary Sue Shelton who passed away on Saturday, December 26

*Prayers for our home-bound members*

*Prayers for those who do not know Christ*





## Music Ministry

Interested in leading worship through music? Join the Chancel Choir, Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble, Agape Youth choir, or Children's Music Ministries!

Contact Russell Farnell for information:  
817-274-8286 or  
russell@firstprestexas.org

## Kids Beach Club

Kids Beach Club starts back up again:

Monday 1/11- Blanton Elem. at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday 1/12 - Ellis Elem. at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday 1/13- Crow Elem. at 3:30 p.m.

Come be a part of this great ministry!

**MAKING JESUS COOL AT SCHOOL**

Contact Kyle Terwilliger at: 817-274-8286 or  
kyle@firstprestexas.org



The traditional date for Epiphany is January 6. However, since 1970, the celebration is held on the Sunday after January 1.

## Confirmation Class

All 8th through 12th grade students who have not publicly confirmed their faith in Jesus and become part of the Body of Christ, the Church, are invited to join this year's Confirmation Class. Jesus said, "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven..."  
(Matthew 10:32)

This is your opportunity to acknowledge Jesus before others, learn what it means to be a committed Christian, and join in the worldwide Kingdom work of Christ through a local church.

Interested students should call Pastor Rich at 817-274-8286, or 970-218-3689.

## Ushers Needed!

We need ushers for our 11:00 a.m. service. The commitment is minimal; you are assigned to a team which serves one week per month. It is an easy way to get plugged in if you're a new member, or get reacquainted if you are a "seasoned" member.

(We would never say "old!".)

Please consider this area of service to your church.

We are also in need of someone to serve as Head Usher. That person would coordinate with all of the teams but does not need to be present each Sunday.

Please contact Matt Annen or Darlene Reagan to volunteer or to answer any questions you may have.

Matt Annen 817-653-4005  
Darlene Reagan 817-658-8164

We look forward to hearing from you!  
Worship Team