January 17, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

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: Amy Stewart

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 Nun Bitten Wir Dietrich Buxtehude

Meditation

What is the significance of Jesus using mustard seed and yeast as pictures of the operation of the Kingdom of God? Two items that are initially small and insignificant, yet they have a large effect beyond what one would imagine or expect.

Call to Worship

People, come from east and west, from north and south,
and partake in the Kingdom of God.
Indeed, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.
Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00) Worship Him as One O. C. Beck

§ Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nicea

§ Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our 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, Amen.

§ Passing the Peace Greet those around you with, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**"

§ Hymn 39 Great is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

The Sacrament of Baptism

The baptism of Riley Wyatt Tremont, son of Joshua and Hillary Tremont

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading — Mark 1:14–15 — New Testament page 34

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (11:00) — My Eternal King — Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not may die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Then why, O blessed Jesus Christ should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven, nor of escaping hell.

Not with the hope of gaining aught, nor seeking a reward
But as Thyself hast loved me, O everlasting Lord!

Even so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing,
Solely because Thou art my God, and my eternal king.

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Scripture Reading — Luke 13:18–21 — New Testament page 76

The Sermon — What Is the Kingdom of God Like? — Rev. McDermott

Responding

§ Affirmation of Faith — from Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.
We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offertory — Come Thou Fount — John Wyeth

§ The Doxology (Hymn 606) — Old Hundredth

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.

Sending

§ Hymn 761 — Called as Partners in Christ's Service — Beecher

§ Charge and Benediction — the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude — In Thee Is Gladness — J. S. Bach

Comments for Contemplation

What Is the Kingdom of God Like? Mark 1:14–15, Luke 13:18–21

1. The story of the Christian Church in China reminds us that small and seemingly insignificant beginnings can lead to undreamed of _____.

2. The kingdom of God (or as it is called in Matthew's gospel, "the kingdom of the heavens"), is mentioned nearly 150 times in the New Testament, primarily in statements by _____ himself.

3. So the kingdom of God is something like the "rule" of God. And it is not only near or "at hand," it is "now accessible to everyone." And I especially like that last line. "Review your plans for living and base your life on this remarkable new _____."

4. Willard writes, "Now God's own 'kingdom,' or 'rule,' is the range of his effective will, where what he wants done is done. The person of God himself and the action of his will are the organizing principles of his kingdom, but everything that obeys those principles, whether by nature or by _____, is within his kingdom."

5. Slowly, but surely, God's rule and reign extend into new lives, and open hearts. God's kingdom extends everywhere, including your office, your school, your home, and your _____.

6. First, the life and power of God's kingdom have already been _____... Second, we must be _____with the work of God.... And third, it is clear from these parables that God wants to _____the world.

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This week @ FPCA

Sunday 1/17		
	8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	New Member Class Rm 214
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Children's Music Ministries
	4:30 p.m.	Agape Choir Rehearsal
	4:30 p.m.	APNC Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	The Well
Monday 1/18		
		PRESCHOOL CLOSED
		NO SCHOOL MLK Holiday
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 1/19		
	3:30 p.m.	Ellis Kids Beach Club
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Wednesday 1/20		
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	3:30 p.m.	Crow Kids Beach Club
	6:15 p.m.	Ring of Praise Handbells
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 1/21		
	11:30 a.m.	Saints Alive
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Saturday 1/23		
	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	
		Church Officer Training

Information for the January 31st bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

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, Lee Carol Copeland, Laura Duffney, Laura Farnell, Bonnie Forte, Bobbie Fowler, Susan Graham, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, David Irons, Deva Kellam, Doyle Malone, Garrett Mastin, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Tim Poston, Albert Ross, Tonya Scrabeck, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, 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 Manci, Jack Murtha, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young and 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 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 or 817-794-5626.

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Music Ministry

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

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 31st after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Sancturary

All Church Dinner and Lenten Small Groups Kickoff

Come to the all church dinner on Sunday, January 24 after the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall. It is the cold wintertime, so our Fellowship Team is asking all members to bring a can of soup. We will help out the Arlington Life Shelter for the winter months. Pastor Rich will talk about the Small Group Ministry during Lent.

Kids Beach Club

Monday 1/18- ***NO KBC at Blanton Elem. School closed for MLK Holiday***

Tuesday 1/19 - Ellis Elem. at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday 1/20- Crow Elem. at 3:30 p.m.

MAKING JESUS COOL AT SCHOOL

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

Saints Alive to Meet January 21st

Saints Alive will resume for the new year on January 21 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.
Our program will be "Sorta Sisters," a group similar to the Andrews Sisters that sings music from the 40's. Please join us for a potluck lunch followed by the program. Just bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share and join in the fun.
Questions call Bev Koch at 817-261-3202.

Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

Starts today–February 7, 9:45 AM in Room 214

Week One: **"Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"**
—This is a chance to share our journeys of faith with one another, and learn about one another.

Week Two: **"On Being a Christian in a Postmodern 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.

Church Officer Training

If you are a newly elected Officer, please note the Church Officer Training on Saturday, January 23rd from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Pledge Envelopes!

Don't forget to pick up your Pledge Envelopes
They will be available before and after each service:
8:30 - outside the Chapel
11:00 - in the Narthex