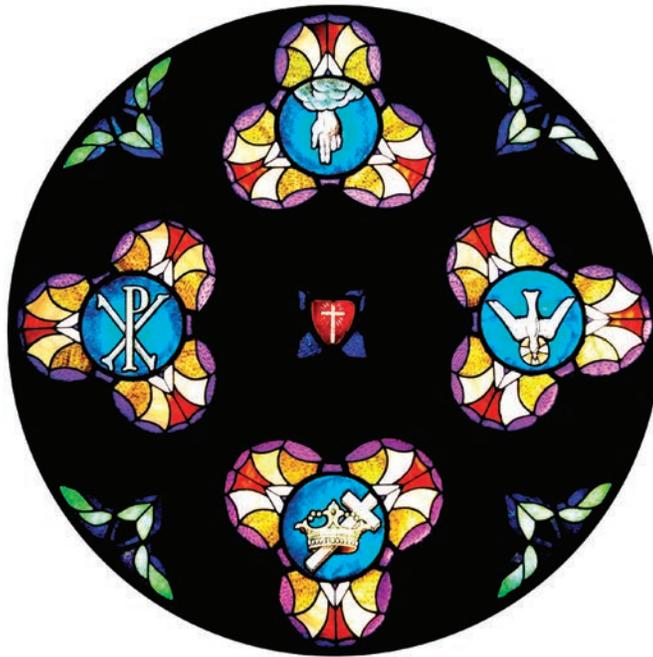


February 21, 2016
First Presbyterian Church
The Second Sunday in Lent



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. Fred Babb

8:30 Lay Leader: Stuart Hanson

11:00 Lay Leader: Jim L. Quick

Organist: Susan Fuchs

The Worship of God

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The greenery is given to the glory of God.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Gathering

Welcome

Voluntary

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

J. S. Bach

Meditation

Jesus was baptized and tempted as we are. Pray that God will guide you through this season of Lent; that you may not avoid struggle, but open yourself to blessing through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 118

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us sing praises to our God.

Let us worship God together.

Introit (11:00)

Glory to the Father

Giovanni Pergolesi

§ Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

§ Prayer of Confession

God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us.

Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life given in Christ for all of your people. 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 165

The Glory of These Forty Days

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Community Joys and Events

Anthem Texts

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower; O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou vision, O Ruler of all.

Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid:

and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require;

even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle:

yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness:

I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me and hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee, seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up.

Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

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This week @ FPCA

Sunday 2/21

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Porchlighs in Parlor
4:30 p.m. APNC Meeting
6:00 p.m. The Well

Monday 2/22

11:00 a.m. Paul Fox Memorial Service
2:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 2/23

3:30 p.m. Ellis Kids Beach Club
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 2/24

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
3:30 p.m. Crow Kids Beach Club
3:30 p.m. Wyldlife in FH
6:15 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 2/25

6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday 2/26

6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Information for the March 6th 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, Andrew Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Laura Farnell, Bunny Floyd, Bonnie Forte, Bobbie Fowler, Dave Goff, Susan Graham, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, Deva Kellam, Doyle Malone, Garrett Mastin, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Tim Poston, Albert Ross, Carolyn Savko, Tonya Scrapeck, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Brooks Taylor, Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Donna Vickers, Audrey Wallace, Nita Whitenight 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 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.





Time to order Easter Lilies!

If you would like to place a lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, fill out a form and mail to the church office.

Forms are located outside the narthex, the Chapel and in the church office.

You may place the form in the offering plate during Sunday worship or mail it to Kim.

Cost is \$9.00 per Lily (per dedication). The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 20th.

Porchlights

It is time for the Porchlights organization meeting. Come today at 3:00 p.m., in the Parlor, for dessert and coffee (dessert will be provided). We will draw for groups at that time.

To have dinner in individual homes-contact Sandy Thomlinson 817-522-2080 or Claudia Johnson 817-253-4541.

If you wish to dine out, contact Elaine Bahn 817-275-2548, to be part of this Streetlights group.

Esther Choi to be Speaker for Women's Retreat

The Women's Ministry Team is delighted to announce that Esther Choi, our former Associate Pastor, will be our speaker for the Women's Retreat. It will be held April 1 to 3 in Glen Rose at the Still Water Lodge.

More details will be announced soon and we should begin taking reservations by March 6. It will be wonderful to have Esther back with us for a few days of study and relaxation.

ATTN: YOUTH SAVE THE DATE

June 6-10 - Vacation Bible School

June 26-July 3 - The Great Escape for junior high students in Gunnison, CO

July 10-15 - Fun In The Sun for high school students in South Padre Island, TX

July 19-22 - Camp KidJam for rising 3rd to rising 6th grade students in Denton, TX