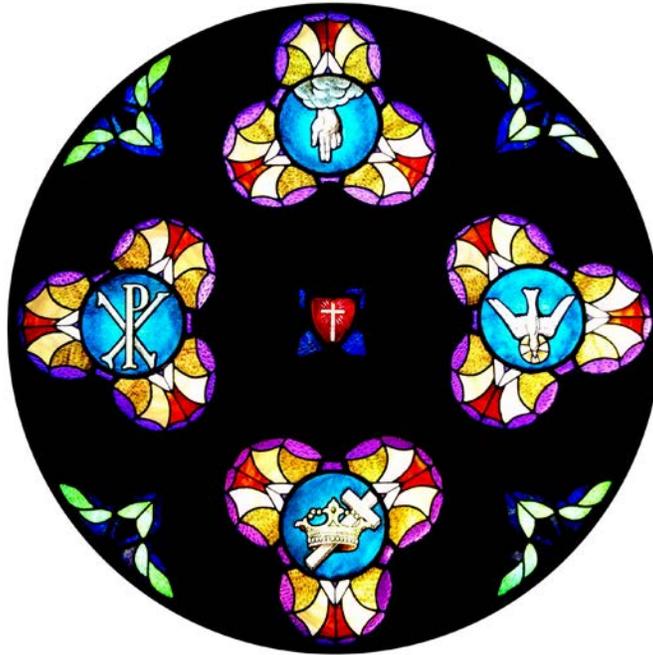


February 28, 2016
First Presbyterian Church
The Third Sunday in Lent



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. Rich McDermott

8:30 Lay Leader: Sue Lavender

11:00 Lay Leader: Jim L. Quick

Organist: Susan Fuchs

Comments for Contemplation

“How to Cross a Threshold” Romans 12:1–2, 9–16; Matthew 10:16–20

1. But Ortberg reminds us that we are in charge of one dynamic. When a door is opened we get to choose how we will _____. Sometimes it’s what you do after the door opens that makes all the difference.
2. You can walk one step at a time, but hopping is something you do with your whole self... If you’re going through an open door, don’t _____ across the threshold. Hop! [Ortberg].
3. Dr. James Loder introduced a concept to me that I’ve never forgotten. He calls it “mundane ecstasy” and it happens when you experience God’s amazing _____, not in some major life event or decision, but in your everyday life of faith in Jesus.
4. Having second thoughts or “buyer’s remorse” is often something that accompanies walking through open doors. But it is neither fatal nor _____.
5. Ortberg says that there is a cure for buyer’s remorse. There is a better way to cross the threshold and go through the door --with all your _____. Hop!
6. Mature self-knowledge means also being aware of your scars, places where you have been _____, because that can equip you to help other people.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 2/28

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
1:15 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
4:30 p.m. APNC Meeting
6:00 p.m. The Well

Monday 2/29

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

Tuesday 3/1

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

Wednesday 3/2

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 3/3

6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Information for the March 13th 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, Louis & Shirley Bragg, Andrew Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Laura Farnell, Bunny Floyd, Bonnie Forte, Bobbie Fowler, Dave Goff, Susan Graham, Margery Harrant, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, Norman Hulla, Deva Kellam, Doyle Malone, Garrett Mastin, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Judy Northup, Bill Olsen, Tim Poston, Albert Ross, Carolyn Savko, Tonya Scrabeck, 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.

**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

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.