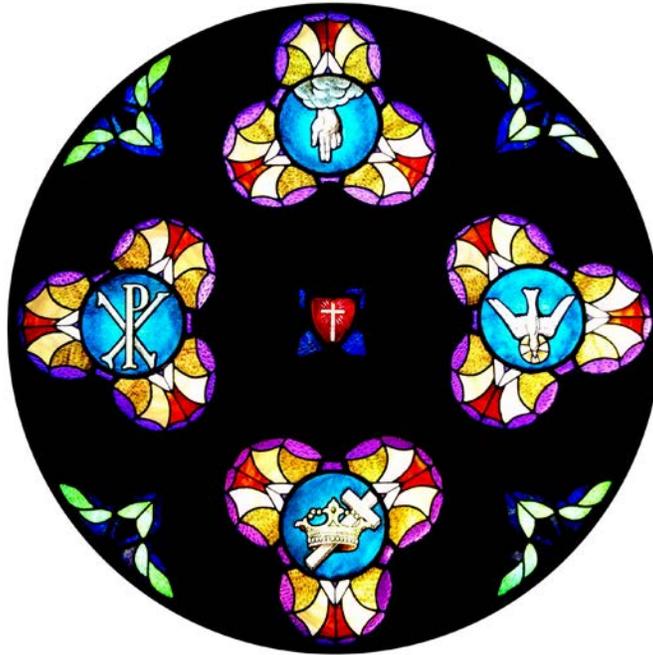


March 6, 2016
First Presbyterian Church
The Fourth Sunday in Lent



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

Liturgist: Rev. Fred Babb

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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Paul Manz

Meditation

Heavenly Father, may we seek you and find you. May we knock and the door be opened, for we are sojourners looking for your Kingdom.

Call to Worship

God calls us to a feast!

The table is set, and we will come from east and west,

from north and south to sit at Christ's table.

Compassion, love, and grace are poured out like fine wine.

We come to share our stories and Your story,

to share our hope and our pain,

to share our wisdom and our laughter.

The table is set, let us worship God together!

§ Hymn 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

§ Prayer of Confession

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events.

Forgive us, and help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever, through Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 443

There Is a Redeemer (Stanza 1)

GREEN

Community Joys and Events

Commissioning of Belize Mission Team (11:00)

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.

Comments for Contemplation

"The Doors We Open for Others" Ephesians 3:16–21, Luke 12:13–21

1. FOMO can be the beginning of temptation to sin, but it also points us to the reality that we seem to have an insatiable desire for something _____, and we long for life beyond what we are experiencing right now.
2. Too often, we don't remember or realize, that the power of the Holy Spirit within us is incredible. And through it, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or _____.
3. Jesus invites us to live imaginative lives and to be "what if?" people. He said to his early followers, "Imagine a kingdom where the last are first, the least are greatest, the servants are heroes, the weak are strong, and the marginalized are loved and _____." [Ortberg]
4. Open doors in the Bible are really divine invitations to make our lives count, with the Lord's leading, for the sake of _____.
5. The book of Ruth is a remarkable story of a Moabite woman who demonstrates covenant loyalty, commitment and love for her Israelite mother-in-law, Naomi, and who decides to become a part of the Lord's _____ people.
6. Are you a person who is looking more for mirrors than for doors? Are you building bigger _____ or are you using what you have for the Lord and for the sake of others?

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 3/6

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 3/7

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 3/8

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

Wednesday 3/9

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 3/10

6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
6:45 p.m. Team Meeting Night

Friday 3/11

6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Saturday 3/12

5:00 p.m. Belize Team Meeting

Information for the March 20th 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 and Shirley Bragg, Andrew Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Laura Farnell, Bunny Floyd, Bonnie Forte, Bobbie Fowler, David 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, Robert & Kathy Riggle, Albert Ross, Carolyn Savko, Tonya Scrobeck, 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.



Saints Alive Meets on Thursday, March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day! This seems like an appropriate day for "our Saints" to gather. We will have an interesting program presented by Deborah Coppola, the new Executive Director of Arlington Charities. We will begin at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall with a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share.

The program will follow lunch.

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 1st to 3rd 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.

Holy Week Worship Services

March 24 - Maundy Thursday - 7:30 p.m.

March 25 - Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

March 27

8:30 a.m. Chapel

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

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.