

April 24, 2016  
First Presbyterian Church  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter



*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: Adrian Rodriguez  
11:00 Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod  
Organist: Susan Fuchs

# *The Worship of God*

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Helen Schrickel in memory of Gene Schrickel.

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

Matthew 7:7

*So I say to you, ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches, finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

Voluntary

Prelude in C Major

David Johnson

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power.

**His understanding is beyond measure.**

Let us worship God!

Introit

Teach Me to Pray

Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

§ Prayer of Confession

**O God, our Father, you give us the privilege to confess our sin, and the marvelous promise of forgiveness, cleansing, and restoration in love. We acknowledge that all too often we neglect to recognize, and own, our rebellion against you, and our unconcern over our hurts of others.**

**Forgive us our misuse of such treasure. Help us, more and more, to live wholesomely as responsive persons in our relationships with you, with others, and with ourselves, through Jesus Christ, 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 468

Lord, Be Glorified

BE GLORIFIED

Community Joys and Events

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Carter Ozmun Sanger, son of Coleman and Tara Sanger

**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.**

The Public Reception of New Members

See names in the insert.

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:9–13

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Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem

Praise the Lord

G. F. Handel

*Praise the Lord! Let songs of joy break forth,  
Sing alleluia: Praise his name forevermore.  
Shout, sing and dance; come dance and celebrate!  
Rejoice; let all within us praise his name.  
Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth.  
Sing alleluia, sing for joy!  
Praise the Lord! Let songs of joy break forth.  
Sing alleluia! O praise his holy name forevermore.*

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Scripture Reading

Luke 11:5–13, 18:1–8

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The Sermon

How Much More?

Rev. McDermott

## ***Responding***

§ Affirmation of Faith (8:30)

The Confession of 1967

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man.**

**He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. Amen.**

Offertory

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

arr. Jerry van de Pol

Cheryl Harris, piano Susan Fuchs, organ

§ The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia!**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

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 66	Every Time I Feel the Spirit	PENTECOST
§ Charge and Benediction		the congregation joins hands
§ Postlude	Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds	Robert A. Hobby



## *Comments for Contemplation*

How Much More? Matthew 6:9–13, Luke 11:5–13, 18: 1–8

1. They could see that prayer was an obvious and essential feature of Jesus' life, and, as his disciples, they wanted to learn from their rabbi the how and the why and \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer to the heavenly Father.
2. God is a person. God is approached and engaged person to person. Prayer is intelligent conversation about matters of mutual concern. Prayer is talking to God about what he and his people are endeavoring to accomplish \_\_\_\_\_.
3. As we learn simply to present to the Lord the ordinary details of our lives on a regular basis, what happens is what Foster calls a Copernican \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts—the discovery that God isn't so much a part of our lives, as we are a part of his life.
4. But if you, with all of your limitations as a human, know how to give good gifts to your children, HOW MUCH MORE will the heavenly Father give the \_\_\_\_\_ to those who ask him!
5. As I have said before, prayer is not a substitute for action; it is an action for which there is no \_\_\_\_\_.
6. "And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, (Jesus says) when the Son of Man comes, will he find \_\_\_\_\_ on earth?"

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

Sunday 4/24

8:30 a.m.                   Worship in Chapel  
9:45 a.m.                   Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.                   New Members Class  
11:00 a.m.                  Worship in Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m.                 New Member Reception  
4:30 p.m.                   APNC Meeting  
5:00 p.m.   Preschool Spring Fundraiser  
6:00 p.m.                   The Well

Tuesday 4/26

6:30 p.m.                   HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 4/27

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

Thursday 4/28

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

Saturday 4/30

10:00 a.m.                 Youth "Basics"

Information for the May 8th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to [kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org) by this Monday.

## ***Prayer Ministry***

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

For Neshia Morey and family in the loss of her mother last week.

### ***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, Mike Deardorff, Laura Farnell, Bonnie Forte, Bobbie Fowler, Susan Graham, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, Norman Hulla, Deva Kellam, Margaret and George Kleopfer, Doyle Malone, Garrett Mastin, J. Fred Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Judy Northup, Bill Olsen, Ann Pitstick, Albert Ross, Carolyn Savko, Eulabel Sheldon, Brooks Taylor, Jerry Thomas, Brendan Tibbetts, Allen Underwood, Audrey Wallace, Charlene Watson 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](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.



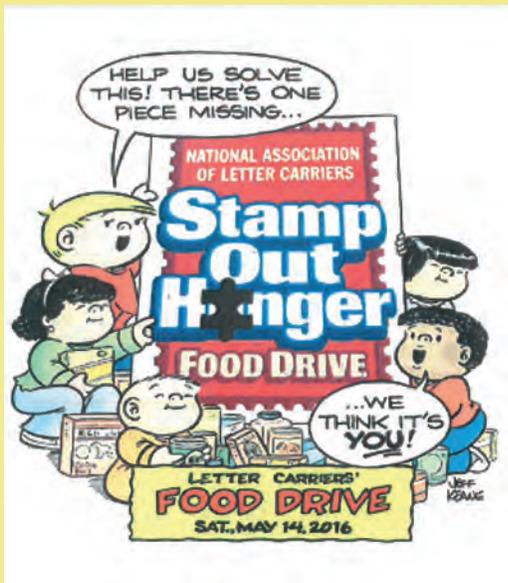
## Wild, Wild West Preschool Fundraiser

Today at 5:00 p.m. is the annual spring fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall.

## Youth “Basics” - Saturday, April 30th

Youth Basics - starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending around 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. We will learn some “Basics” of car maintenance. Then we will go have some “Basic” fun with Bubble Soccer. We will have pizza for lunch followed by some more fun. Then we will have some worship and talk about some of the “Basics” that we need as disciples of Jesus.

We will finish everything with a trip to Braum’s for ice cream. We will start and end at FPCA.



## New Members Reception

There will be a reception today after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall honoring our new members:

Nelson Abam  
Gisselle Agosto and Juan Carlos Gavalda  
Stanley Ndika  
Catherine and John O'Malley  
Jill Reynolds

## The 4-Week New Members Class *Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community*

continues in Week Four at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214,  
in the brown hallway

Week Four: “On Being Sent: Relational Ministry,  
Missional Discipleship and Incarnational  
Witness”

—A chance to learn about gifts, equipping,  
ministry and mission.

## FPCA Canned Food Drive Benefiting Arlington Charities Now through May 14th

Please bring your canned goods to the marked collection boxes near the church offices, the red hallway, or near the Fellowship Hall any time between now and May 14th.

Our local US Postal Workers also will collect canned goods for Arlington Charities during this same time period so, if you can't bring your donation to FPCA, simply bag your items and place them near your mailbox early on May 14 (Saturday); your mail carrier will pick them up.