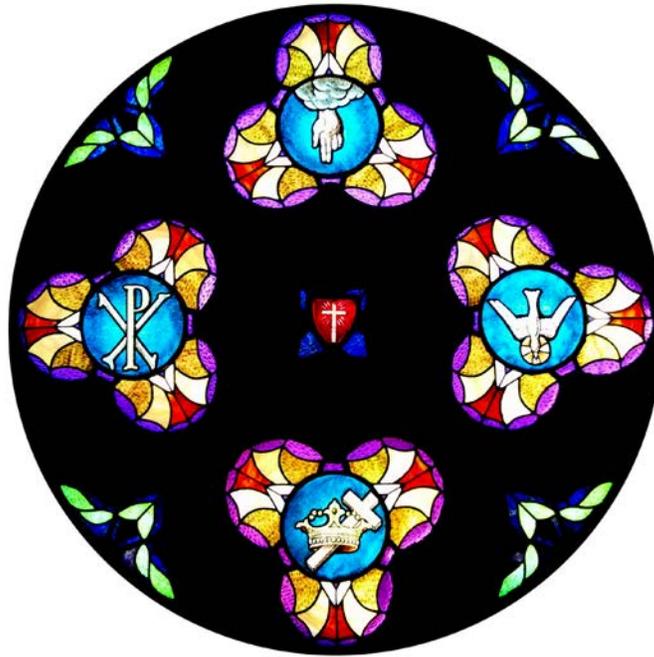


May 1, 2016
First Presbyterian Church
The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

Liturgist: Rev. Fred Babb

Lay Leader: Ben Ayers

Organist: Julane Swank

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

Preparation for Worship

Revelation 4:11

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Voluntary

O God Our Help in Ages Past

Paul Manz

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 30 and Revelation 5

The Lord has lifted up our soul from dark caverns of death
and has restored our life from the deep pit of despair.

God has turned our weeping into dancing

and has removed the rags of sorrow and clothed us with happiness.

To the one who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb of God

be blessing and honor, and glory and might, for ever and ever.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

§ Prayer of Confession

Because you know us, Eternal God, you know how the anger, pain, and bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, but they see us treat others badly.

Forgive us for these and all our sins. You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and lives within us, O God. Your heart can heal our brokenness. Your spirit can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, hope, and love. 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 701

Lord, Prepare Me

SANCTUARY

Community Joys and Events

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

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 Trauma of Holiness

Revelation 4:1-11, 5:1-14

1. Apart from the Lord Jesus himself, Paul may have received more _____ of the Lord than any other mortal human being.
2. It is not popular to talk about a God who is Entirely Other, separated from earth, totally unlike anything or anyone we may know in this life. But that is part of “holy” means. It means set apart, separate, transcendent, and _____ this world.
3. Can you imagine Christian disciples in the first or second centuries attending worship in the city of say, Ephesus, and complaining about the _____ or wanting the announcements to be shorter, or suggesting that the apostle Peter keep his sermon to fifteen minutes? That would be unheard of!
4. I believe an experience of the trauma of God’s holiness is one way that more people can move from being consumers of religion to being worshipers of our Holy God, made known to us in Jesus Christ
5. And having received forgiveness of his sin, the prophet is ready to answer the call of the Lord, when he hears, “Whom shall I send and who will go for us?” The prophet joyfully answers in the affirmative, and we can see the _____ out into the world, answering God’s call after this experience of worship.
6. And suddenly there are myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands who also sing of the worth of the Lamb that was slaughtered. And this is a _____ change, that the Lamb is now worthy to receive glory and to open the scroll.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 5/1

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Senior Sunday Reception
4:30 p.m. APNC Meeting
6:00 p.m. The Well

Tuesday 5/3

6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 5/4

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

Thursday 5/5

6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Friday 5/6

6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

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.

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, Mike Deardorff, Laura Farnell, Bonnie Forte, Bobbie Fowler, Susan Graham, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, Norman Hulla, Jack Justilian, Deva Kellam, Margaret and George Kleopfer, Jim Lavender, 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

Information for the May 15th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 15 will be the Congregational Meeting at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. This meeting is for the purpose of hearing the report of the APNC and electing an Associate Pastor. The candidate's biography will be made available at the meeting.

Church Wide Belize Luncheon Come and See...

Just as Jesus said to the Disciples in John "Come and you will see"...Please come and see what has been happening in Belize!! The Belize Mission Team invites you to a luncheon on May 15th in the Fellowship Hall at 12:20 p.m., following the Congregational Meeting.

With a series of serendipitous events that could only have been orchestrated by our Lord, God has been moving mightily in the World and we have seen it firsthand! We have stories, pictures and videos to share with the congregation. Please Come and See what the Lord has done.

SENIOR SUNDAY

Today there will be a Reception for the graduating Seniors after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall



Hannah Marie Schwettmann is graduating from Lamar High School. She was on the Cross Country and Track teams throughout high school. Hannah regularly volunteers at River Legacy Science Center events. After graduation, Hannah plans to attend UTA to study kinesiology and then pursue a degree in physical therapy.

DJ Lipscomb became involved with FPCA through Wyldlife at Carter Junior High. He attended Sam Houston High School for three years and will be graduating from Arlington High School. DJ enjoys running on the track team. He has also been a volunteer with Blanton Kids Beach Club, Vacation Bible School and Kids Night Out. One of his favorite verses is Psalm 16:8 "I keep my eyes on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken." (NIV) After graduating, DJ plans on attending the Art Institute of Dallas and studying cooking.

Daniel Nelson is graduating from Arlington High School. He became involved with FPCA through Wyldlife and getting to know Scott Trussell who was the Wyldlife club leader. Daniel has been a volunteer at both Crow and Blanton Kids Beach Club. He has also helped with Vacation Bible School, Camp KidJam and Kids Night Out. After graduating, Daniel plans on attending the Art Institute of Dallas to study cooking.

Jake Majka - The verse Jake likes most is Proverbs 19:21 "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." He will be graduating from Mansfield High on June 3rd. He plans on attending Texas State and studying Theater and Film. During high school he was part of the freshman football team, ran cross country for two years and was part of MHS theater program for all four years. He has found his passion to be in musical theater and acting, hoping to one day also pursue directing or writing.

Ben Ayers - I will graduate from Mansfield Legacy High School, Class of 2016. I was baptized at FPCA in 1997 and was confirmed and became a member of FPCA in 2012. Next year I will be attending the University of North Texas. I will be in the college of music majoring in music education in the horn studio of William Scharnberg. Before I entered high school, I participated in many sports teams and was active in athletics. When I entered high school I realized that you can be good at everything, or work hard and be great at one thing, so I chose band. I was in All Region band 4 years in a row and went to area all 4 years of high school. I was also in all region orchestra the last 3 years and All State Band the last 2 years. Last summer I marched in a world class drum corps touring across the United States and placing 12th in the world championships. I became an Eagle Scout in 2011 at the age of 14. After graduating from college I hope to become a great high school band director.

First Presbyterian Preschool Thank You

Sandra would like to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended or made a donation to the Preschool Fundraiser. It was a success and lots of fun!

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 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.

