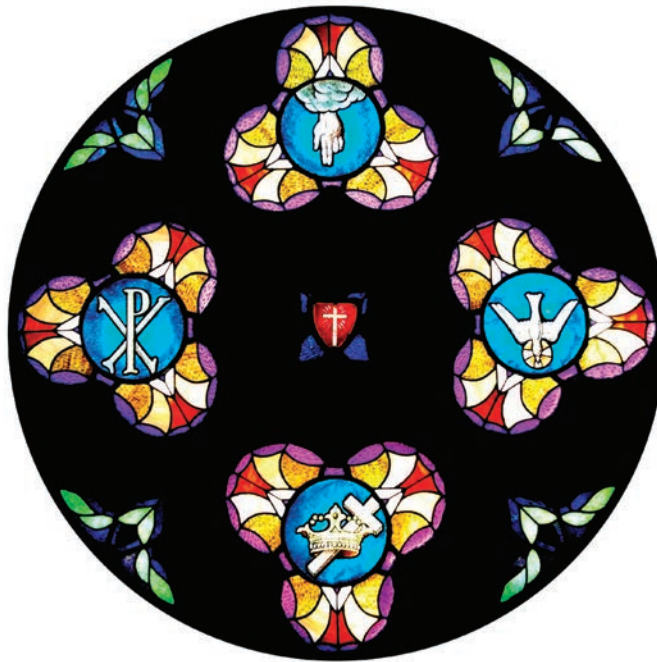


July 31, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost



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. Chris Campbell
Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott
8:30 Lay Leader: Kyle Terwilliger
11:00 Lay Leader: George Morey
Organist: Susan Fuchs

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

Luke 12:15

Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Prelude

Healer of Our Every Ill

Keith Kolander

Call to Worship

from Psalm 107

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Those gathered from the east and west and north and south are the redeemed of the Lord.

Those who cried to the Lord in times of trouble God delivered from their distress.

Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love and wonderful works to humankind.

Let us worship God!

Introit

In Gratitude, In Worship

ANCIENT BEAUTY

§ Hymn 650

O Beauty Ever Ancient

ANCIENT BEAUTY

§ Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, You are the author of our lives. You deserve our minds, our hearts and our praise. All hope rests in you. Nonetheless, we forget You in the daily conduct of our lives.

We often show anger, wrath, and malice instead of love for our neighbor.

Help us strip away our old self so that our neighbor may see Christ in what we say and do. 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 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination

Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love.

Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1–11

New Testament page 201

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (8:30)

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Matt Annen, tenor

arr. Joseph Graham

(11:00)

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

*My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!
Even so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God and my Eternal King.*

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Scripture Reading

Hosea 11:1-11

New Testament page 842

The Sermon

Love is Hell

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Affirmation of Faith

adapted from Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;
And we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him,
who are called according to his purpose.**

**We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory

Variation on "Jesus Loves Me"

J. Wayne Kerr

§ The Doxology

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**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 188

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Prelude No. 2 in D Minor

J. S. Bach



Comments for Contemplation

Love is Hell

Colossians 3:1–11, Hosea 11: 1–11

1. This is called Marcionism. And this passage from Hosea shatters that heresy. Here we read how God's _____ is greater than his anger.
2. George A. Buttrick writes in *The Interpreter's Bible*: *The individual learns to walk, to act for himself. Yet he is still under parental control. Though he walks, he is led, "with a _____ of love."*
3. Disregarding the love, guidance, and infinite blessings God's people received and took for granted, it was not they wanted. They chose foreign gods and idols. Israel exercised her new _____ and walked straight into Assyrian conquest.
4. We can make the choice to _____ loving someone... It is _____ for God to give up on his children.
5. "If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning... Face it, friend. He is crazy about _____." - Max Lucado
6. God's love is amazing, redemptive, gracious, but it is also a _____ love.

This week @ FPCA

Prayer Ministry

Sunday 7/31

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| 8:30 a.m. | Worship in Chapel |
| 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship in Sanctuary |
| 2:00 p.m. | PCGRC |

Wednesday 8/3

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| 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| 10:00 a.m. | Quilting Group |
| 2:00 p.m. | DFW Mag Planning |
| 7:00 p.m. | Library Group |
| 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Chona Pacot Anwar, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, Andrew Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Wanda Estes, Laura Farnell, Ron Forte, Bobbie Fowler, David Goff, Susan Graham, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, Lisa House, Norman Hulla, Bob Johnson, Doyle Malone, Edna McCoy, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Ann Pitstick, Homer Reynolds, Albert Ross, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Brooks and Connie Taylor, Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Audrey Wallace and Mary Jane Wright

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Aaron Alonso, Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, 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 August 14th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Rich McDermott, Senior Pastor, at the church office 817-274-8286 or his cell phone: 970-218-3689. For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at juanicey@gmail.com or 817-794-5626.



**Mark Your Calendar:
An Interactive Day with Rev. Dr. Jim Singleton
Assoc. Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Evangelism
Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary**

**Saturday, August 20th 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Arlington
1200 S. Collins St., Arlington**

Registration (includes lunch) \$30 per person to 8/10/16

Register online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dfw-fellowship-regional-gathering-through-the-looking-glass-tickets-26176053280>

Sunday Flowers

Dear Congregation: We love having fresh flowers to make our worship spaces even more beautiful. However, beginning August 1, 2016, FPCA will provide flowers only when people sign up and there is a dedication. If you would like to sign up to provide a floral arrangement, there are two flower charts: one outside the Chapel and one outside the southern entrance to the Sanctuary. Flowers are placed first in the Chapel for early service and then moved to the Sanctuary for all to enjoy. Then you may take all or part of them home, or request they be distributed by the Congregational Care Team. The standard cost is \$50.00 per arrangement.

Thank you! FPCA Worship Team

Rangers Tickets Available!

Texas Ranger Outing & Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services

Sunday, August 14th we will welcome the youth from Itasca and Waxahachie's Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services as they join us in Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship and lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Join in the fun as the Texas Rangers play the Detroit Tigers at 2:00 p.m. If you want to go to the game, we've got tickets in Sec 335 for \$25/ticket.

**Contact Adrian Rodriguez or Bob Dawson for tickets to the game.
Bob cell: 214-415-5396, Adrian cell: 817-734-2726**

C.S. Lewis Series

The Indicators and Theological Inquiries Sunday School Classes are hosting a six-week series on the Life and Works of C.S. Lewis, the famous Christian author and lay theologian.

The series will be led by Rev. Dr. Larry Thomas in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. and runs thru Sunday, August 28th. Everyone is welcome.

First Presbyterian Preschool of Arlington

Open 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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