August 28, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifteenth 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 8:30 Lay Leader: Phil Austin

11:00 Lay Leader: Isobel Peden

Organist: Josh Lang

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 Lew and Claudia Johnson in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Romans 12:10-11

Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

Johann Caspar Simon

Call to Worship

God invites us into his healing presence with these words: "I am the Lord who heals you."

Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide.

God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.

We bow before him in faith and expectancy.

Let us worship God!

Introit

We Have Come to Worship You

David R. Davidson

§ Hymn 409

God is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

§ Prayer of Confession

There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies.

Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. 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 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 6:1–9 Old Testament page 163

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) My Soul Is Athirst Alfred Gaul Dick Price, tenor

(11:00) Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven Claude L. Bass

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress; Praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind, and it is gone: But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on: Alleluia! Praise the high eternal.

Angels, in the heights adore him; ye behold him face to face; Saints, triumphant, bow down before him, gathered in from every race. Alleluia! Praise him: Praise with us the God of grace.

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Scripture Reading Revelation 2:1–7 New Testament page 245

The Sermon Booster Shots: The Thrill Is Gone Rev. Campbell

Responding

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.

Offertory Improvisation on Adoro Te Devote Joshua Lang

§ The Doxology (Hymn 606)

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

§ Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude Toccata on Amazing Grace J. Christopher Pardini

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8:30 Anthem: My Soul Is Athirst for God

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat, day and night, while they daily say unto me: "Where is now thy God?"

My soul is athirst for God, my soul is athirst for God, Oh, bring me out of my trouble. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

Music Ministry

Interested in leading worship through music?

Join the Chancel Choir,

Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble,

Agape Youth Choir, or Children's Music Ministries!

Contact Russell Farnell for information: 817-274-8286 or russell@firstprestexas.org

Happy 45th Birthday to the First Presbyterian Preschool!

It's not too late to register for the school year.

Members get a 10% discount.

FPCA at the Dallas Wings WNBA Game

Come to hear a quartet from the FPCA Chancel Choir sing the National Anthem before today's game at 3:30 pm, at the UTA College Park Center.

Discounted tickets are available at www.dallaswingsbasketball.com/promo Promo Code: WINGS16KP.



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This week @ FPCA

Prayer Ministry

Sunday 8/28

Worship in Chapel 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. New Members Class 9:45 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Luncheon for Families 12:00 p.m. with Children in FH Welcome Luncheon for 12:00 p.m. Josh Lang in Parlor 2:00 p.m. **PCGRC** 3:00 p.m. Porchlights in Parlor

Wednesday 8/31

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Information for the September 11th 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.

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Chona Pacot Anwar, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, Andrew Bridges, Carl Carpenter, Crystal Castaneda, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Dorothy Curtis, Ted Dysart, Wanda Estes, Laura Farnell, Ron Forte, Bobbie Fowler, David Goff, Susan Graham, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, Lou Hollers, Lisa House, George Kleopfer, Doyle Malone, Edna McCoy, Allen Miller, Pat Mingle, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Ann Pitstick, Jim L. Quick, Albert Ross, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Brooks and Connie Taylor, BJ Thomas (Rev. Larry Thomas' wife), Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Donna Vickers, Audrey Wallace, Shelby Wolfe 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 Manci, 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

Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will resume Monday, September 19 at 6 p.m. in the church Parlor. All women are invited. The 2016-17 study is the Horizon's Guide (Who Is Jesus by Judy Yates Siker) and books can be found in the church copy room on the counter, clearly marked.

Cost is \$8. Please place your payment (if check payable to FPCA, in memo field add "Women's Bible Study") in the designated envelope and add your name to the list for picking up your copy. The September meeting is a potluck, so bring a favorite dish. Questions? Contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com)

Luncheon for Families with Children from Birth to 12th Grade

Today at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall

There will be food, play stations for children, stations about KidCheck (the new check in system for kids),
Pray For Me Campaign, Parent Resources, Fall
Activities and more...

Welcome Our New Organist



Today we look forward to welcoming Joshua Lang as our new permanent organist at First Presbyterian Church.

After a search involving 6 qualified candidates, Josh emerged as a distinctive musician with a heart for music ministry. He will accompany the Chancel Choir, and serve as organist for both worship services, as well as weddings and funerals.

There will be a reception in the Parlor after the 11:00 a.m. service, so come by and say hello to Josh!

Porchlights to Begin

Porchlights is a church fellowship activity. Groups of members join together for dinner one time each month. Porchlights groups host the meals in their home.

If you have not been in Porchlights before but would like to try it now, please call:

Claudia Johnson 817-253-4541
Sandy Thomlinson 817-522-2080

Come for dessert and to choose groups on Sunday, August 28th at 3:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

The Streetlights group meets for dinner at a restaurant (chosen by the group) the first Thursday of the month. If you're interested in Streetlights, please contact Lucy. lcleaver@sbcglobal.net or 817-480-4519.

Kids Beach Club Leadership Luau

Saturday, September 10th 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Grace Community Church 251 Countryside Ct, Southlake, TX 76092

You can register online at: http://app.funnelmaker.com/events/southlake or see Kyle Terwilliger.

Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

New Members Class Begins Today at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214 (in the brown hall)

Week One: "Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"

—This is a chance to share our journeys of faith with one another, and learn about one another.

Week Two: "On Being a Christian in a Postmodern World"

—What it means to be a Christian and why it is so vitally important in today's world.

Week Three: "Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian"

—This will help us understand the blessings and issues of our particular tradition in the family of faith.

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

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

HOPE Tutoring Breakfast

HOPE Tutoring, a mission of FPCA, will have a pancake breakfast at Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday, September 10 from 8:30AM to 11:00AM.

Please join us.

Volunteer Training

Thursday, September 15th Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call: 817-860-7757

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Served

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast was served at Blanton Elementary and Carter Junior High Schools. Twenty eight members from the Family Living and Friendship classes provided breakfast items. Thirteen volunteers served breakfast for 250 teachers and staff. Community donations were made by Chick-fil-A, McDonalds, Shipley Donuts and Starbucks.

We will be honoring teachers at Crow and Ellis in the spring. Supporting the teachers in our neighborhood is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Mission & Evangelism Team