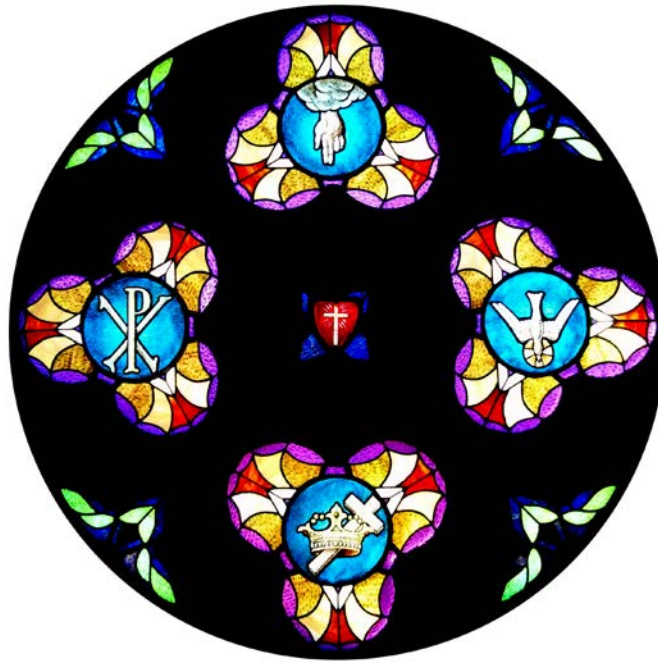


September 4, 2016

# First Presbyterian Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after 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. Rich McDermott  
Liturgist: Rev. Chris Campbell  
8:30 Lay Leader: Betsy McDermott  
11:00 Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod  
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  
Jim Cicherski in loving memory of Karen,  
and by Brooks & Connie Taylor in celebration  
of their 61st wedding anniversary.

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

Matthew 10:27

*What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.*

Prelude

Aria for Organ

John S. Dixon

Call to Worship

based on Revelation 4:8, 11

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty,  
**who was and is and is to come.**  
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.**  
Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 375

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

§ Prayer of Confession

**O Holy God, we come to you with our prayers. Our crippled spirits keep us from following you.  
Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a  
fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we  
believe to be different.**  
**Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of  
our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope.**  
**So we offer you our joyful thanks, as you reach out to touch us with your healing forgiveness yet  
once more. 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 518

Lamb of God (Stanza 1)

LAMB OF GOD

Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading                      Matthew 10:16–20, 26–31                      New Testament page 10

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Scripture Reading                      Revelation 2:8–11                      New Testament page 246

The Sermon                      Booster Shots: Be Faithful Unto Death                      Rev. McDermott

## ***The Table***

Offertory                      Communion Voluntary                      William Wolstenholme

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer sung (see page 4)

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

(8:30) *Come forward to partake.*

(11:00) *Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together.*

*While passing the elements, we say, "**the body of Christ,**" and, "**the cup of salvation.**"*

Communion Anthem (11:00)                      This Is the Feast of Victory                      Richard Hillert

*See text in Hymnal 513*

Prayer after Communion

## ***Sending***

§ Hymn 39                      Great Is Thy Faithfulness                      FAITHFULNESS

§ Charge and Benediction                      the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude                      Festive Voluntary                      Robert Lau



## *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*

Booster Shots: Be Faithful Until Death Matthew 10:16–20, 26–31; Revelation 2:8–11

1. Even more important than the marriage covenant is our covenant relationship with, and our faith in, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. All Christians are called to be faithful to Jesus. And we are to be faithful unto \_\_\_\_\_, as long as we shall live.
2. Dr. Bruce Metzger tells us that Smyrna was another of the great cities of Asia Minor and today it is the city of Izmir in Turkey. It is a very ancient city and it was a large and prosperous commercial center in about A.D. 90. The city was renowned for its loyalty to Rome and its ritual worship of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life, says Jesus. This exhortation seems strange to those of us who have not known severe \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. But consider the Christians in China.
4. So Jesus anticipated this time coming for his disciples during the persecution of Nero and the later persecution of Domitian, and other times of persecution when Christians would be forced to choose between their faith and their \_\_\_\_\_, between worshiping the Lord, and worshiping the emperor. Most would remain faithful to the Lord.
5. But Jesus says, “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all \_\_\_\_\_. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

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

Sunday 9/4

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
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC

Monday 9/5

Labor Day Holiday  
Preschool & Church Offices Closed

Wednesday 9/7

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 9/8

6:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
6:45 p.m.	Team Meeting Night

Saturday 9/10

10:00 a.m.	Kids Beach Club Training
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Information for the September 18th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to [kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org) by this Monday.

## **FPCA Fantasy Football**

If you're interested in participating in a relaxed fantasy football league for a good cause, please contact Pastor Chris to join the FPCA fantasy football league!

A date for the draft will be determined once enough teams have entered. The entry fee is \$25 but there's a twist. The payout for the top finishers will not go to the individual, but as a donation to a charity of their choice in their name. If you have any questions, you can talk with Pastor Chris or email him at [chris@firstprestexas.org](mailto:chris@firstprestexas.org)

## ***Prayer Ministry***

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

The family of George Kleopfer

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

Esther Albright, Chona Pacot Anwar, David Boice, Carl Carpenter, Crystal Castaneda, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Dorothy Curtis, Ted Dysart, Wanda Estes, Bobbie Fowler, David Goff, Susan Graham, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, Doyle Malone, Edna McCoy, Allen Miller, Pat Mingle, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Ann Pitstick, Jim L. Quick, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Brooks and Connie Taylor, BJ Thomas (Rev. Larry Thomas' wife), Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Audrey Wallace, Shelby Wolfe, 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, 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 Pastor Rich McDermott 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](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.

## **Walk to END Alzheimer's**

It is time to join Team FPCA as we walk the journey together to END ALZHEIMER'S. Families, adults-young and old, youth, children, and dogs are all welcome to join the walk. The Arlington Walk is Saturday, October 1, 2016.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at UTA Mavericks Activity Ctr. To join Team FPCA and/or make a donation go to: [www.alz.org/walk](http://www.alz.org/walk). If you have questions, contact Joan Reynolds at 817-239-7240.



## FPCA's Children's Fall Activities

### Kids Beach Club

Kids Beach Club will be at Blanton Elementary on Mondays, beginning September 12, and Ellis Elementary on Tuesdays beginning September 13 from 3:20-4:45 p.m. We need people who can help at either or both clubs by meeting with a small group of kids to get to know them/give them a snack/take attendance, sitting with kids during large group Bible lesson, leading worship through singing and/or teaching the memory verse. If you would like to help at either of the Kids Beach Clubs, please contact Kyle at 817-274-8286 or [kyle@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org).

### Children's Ministry Volunteers Luncheon and Training

Sunday, September 18th at 12 noon  
in the Fellowship Hall

### Preschool Sunday School Teachers Needed

If you love God and enjoy working with 3-5 year olds, this is a good ministry for you. In preschool Sunday School we come along side parents and help them teach their preschoolers that God made them, God loves them and Jesus wants to be their friend forever. Please contact Kyle at 817-274-8286 or [kyle@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org).

### Kids for Christ

KFC has grown and we must go from one to two classes. So we need more workers. KFC is during the 11:00 service from about 11:25 until the service ends. We use the same curriculum we use for Sunday School but it is taught in different ways. Questions? Please contact Kyle at 817-274-8286 or [kyle@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org).

### Kids Night Out

KNO will be Friday, September 16 and 30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at FPCA for children in 6th grade and younger. Pizza, games, activities and a Bible lesson.

### 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, Continues in Week 2  
at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214 (in the brown hall)

## 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

Tickets will be available after both services today. See George Morey, Bob Dawson, Isobel Peden, or Manuel LeBlanc.

### Volunteer Training

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

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

## Pray for Me Campaign

The Pray for Me Campaign encourages and supports prayer for families with children or youth -- and for the schools. We are encouraging families with students of any age to make prayer cards with their pictures and prayer requests. Giving each a prayer card, they will ask three people to pray for them every day this school year. We are also making prayer cards for some schools in our area. So, we need a lot of prayer warriors. You can sign-up to be one -- or to say "I am going to ask three people to pray for my family" -- by going to the Pray For Me table in the red hall. Or e-mail Kyle ([kyle@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org)). Signing up will help us make sure we have prayer warriors for all schools, youth and families with elementary children or younger. It will also let us update prayer cards for the schools.

## 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](mailto:russell@firstprestexas.org)