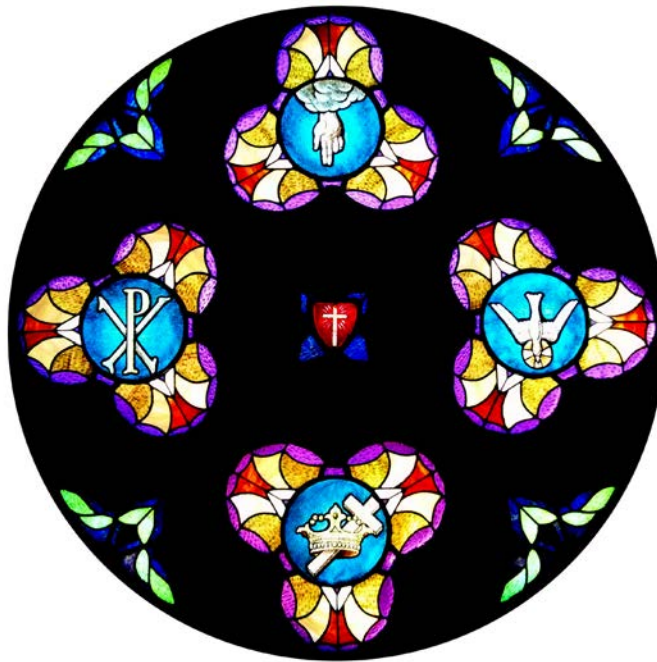


September 11, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

The Seventeenth 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. Rich McDermott

8:30 Lay Leader: Brett Shideler

11:00 Lay Leader: Matt Annen

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
in honor and appreciation of those who have
served as lay leaders, ushers, and greeters in the
8:30 a.m. Sunday services.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

R. C. Sproul

*God's existence is not dependent on our praises. He can get along without them, but we can't.
Adoration is necessary for our spiritual growth. If we are to develop an intimate relationship with our
heavenly Father, it is essential that we come to him with words of reverence, adoration, and love.*

Prelude

Prelude on HOLY MANNA

Dale Wood

Call to Worship

The Lord works vindication and justice

For all who are oppressed.

He is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins.

He knows our frame and remembers we are dust.

Let us worship God!

Introit

This Is the Threefold Truth

ACCLAMATIONS

§ Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

§ Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you said that you are the light of the world, yet we still refuse to let you into the
darkest places of our lives. You said that you are the Good Shepherd, but we fail to follow
where you lead. We are sheep that have gone astray. You said that you are the Way, but we often
make our own paths. You said that you are the Life.**

**Forgive us our sins we confess today, and help us to embrace the mercy and grace that you offer
us so that we can have abundant life with you. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

OPEN THE EYES

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:7–20

New Testament page 17

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Joseph Graham

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.*

*In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by Thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

*And since He bids me seek His face, believe His word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:12–17

New Testament page 246

The Sermon

Booster Shots: I Know Where You Are Living

Rev. McDermott

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

§ 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

based on Phil 2:5–11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something
to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human
likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the
point of death—even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that
at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and
every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Trumpet Tune on LAUDA ANIMA

David Lasky




Comments for Contemplation

Booster Shots: I Know Where You are Living Matthew 15:7–20; Revelation 2:12–17

1. Fifteen years ago today, the most deadly attack on American soil in its history was perpetrated by Muslim terrorists against the United States. Nearly 3000 people were killed in the attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. And it seems that we are still trying to make sense of that _____ today.
2. Dr. Bruce Metzger tells us that “Pergamum was not an easy city for Christians to live in, and it must have been a great comfort for believers there to know that the Lord knew what they were experiencing. Hostility to the church was determined and more _____ in Pergamum than in many other towns.”
3. The booster shot we should glean from this passage is that while the Lord understands our situation and loves us as we are, He also loves us enough to not leave us where we are, and commands that we turn away from _____ and sin. He does not wink and nod at our sexual sin, and makes clear that there is a price to be paid.
4. Jesus cites the prophecy of Isaiah when he confronts the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, saying, “This people honors me with their lips but their hearts are far from me.” This should clearly remind us that the Lord desires our _____ more than our words and our outward appearance.
5. The Lord longs for us to give Him our hearts, so that he might have the first place in our lives. Loving God with our whole heart, and mind and strength is what enables us to rightly love other people, and to rightly receive their love. Apart from this, our lives are out of _____.

GOD'S GRACE THROUGH MUSIC



A A R O N A L F R E D L E E

A SACRED CONCERT IN THE SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 6:00 PM

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/11

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
1:30 p.m.	Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC

Monday 9/12

3:30 p.m.	Blanton Kids Beach Club
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Tuesday 9/13

3:30 p.m.	Ellis Kids Beach Club
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Wednesday 9/14

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

Thursday 9/15

	NEWS Submission Date
11:30 a.m.	Saints Alive
2:00 p.m.	TPF Meeting
6:00 p.m.	The Well

Friday 9/16

6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out
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Saturday 9/17

5:30 p.m.	Preschool Picnic
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Information for the September 25th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Belize Mission Trip March 12-19, 2017

Interested in serving as a member of the Belize Mission Trip Team in 2017? Please join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, September 18th after the second service in the Library. God may be calling you to come and serve. Question, please call Suzie McCoy at 817-271-5995.

HOPE Tutoring Volunteer Training

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

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for the families of those who have passed:

The family of Lou Hollers

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, Nadine Freeman, David Goff, Susan Graham, Dick Haney, 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, 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 or 817-794-5626.

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

FPCA's Children's Fall Activities

Children's Ministry Volunteers Luncheon and Training

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Saints Alive

Thursday, September 15th
at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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. If you have questions, contact Joan Reynolds at 817-239-7240.

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) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@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 hallway by the sanctuary, or email Kyle: 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.

Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

New Members Class - Continues in Week 3
at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214 (in the brown hall)

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.