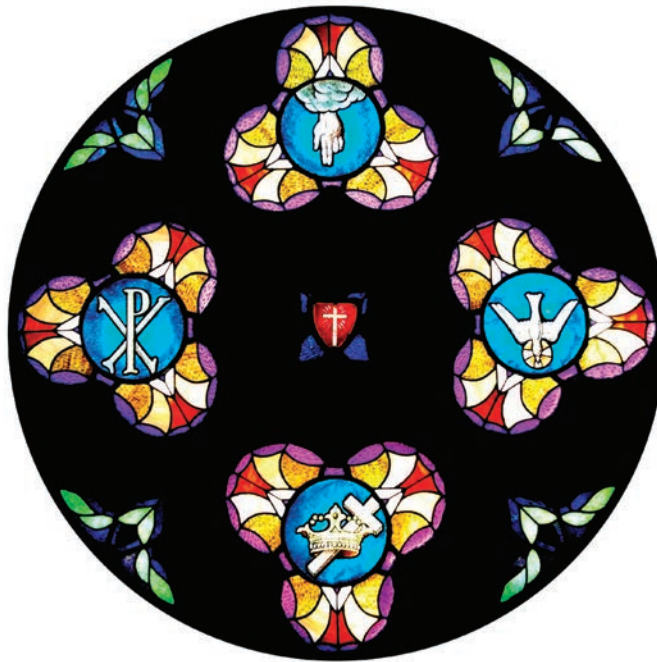


September 18, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

The Eighteenth 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: Tina Hanson

11:00 Lay Leader: Coleman Sanger

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 Fred and Sandra Cook.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

2 Timothy 4:3–4

For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

Prelude

Solemn Prelude

Gordon Young

Call to Worship

Glory be to thee, O God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of whose faithfulness there is no end.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world,
who by the cross and his precious blood has redeemed us.

Glory be to thee, O God the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,
who does take of the things of Christ and show them to us.

Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
we ascribe all blessing and honor and glory, now and forever.
Let us worship God!

Introit

This Is the Threefold Truth

ACCLAMATIONS

§ Hymn 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

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§ Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Have mercy upon on us who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have displeased You. Cleanse us from our secret faults and help us to live and walk in Your ways 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 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:10–4:5

New Testament page 213

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem

Let Thy Holy Presence

Pavel Tschesnokoff

Let Thy holy presence come upon us, O Lord, our God. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:18–29

New Testament page 246

The Sermon

Booster Shots: Hold Fast to What You Have

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Joel Raney

Piano Duet, Carolyn Savko and Cheryl Harris

§ 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

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised
on the third day; and he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses.
We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning
and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

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§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Flor Peeters




Comments for Contemplation

Booster Shots: Hold Fast to What You Have 2 Timothy 3:10–4:5; Revelation 2:18–29

1. But I have begun to wonder, in our day and age, if some of us have begun to jettison some of the more central doctrines and teachings of Christianity in order to _____ thoughts and beliefs that may seem good to us, but in fact are pulling us away from Christ and his will for us.
2. This vision is a divine revelation that repeats with kaleidoscopic variety certain great principles of God's just and merciful government of the whole creation. By centering on these principles, the church in all ages has been encouraged and sustained despite the fiercest _____ of both human and demonic foes.
3. So we are to hold fast to what we have, to the heart of the faith, and still do the works of Christ, the new things to which we are called. One cannot help but ask, if Christ were to give an _____ of our church today, what would he say? Have we made spiritual progress in 128 years? Are our last works greater than our first ones? Or have we, like the church at Ephesus, regressed?
4. But are we more committed to Christ, are we more faithful in our focus, are we more dedicated in our discipleship, are we more Biblical in our beliefs, are we more caring in our compassion, are we more sacrificial in our service, are we more _____ in our teaching, are we more mature in our ministry and mission, are we more outward in our orthodoxy and are we more grace-filled in our gospel?
5. We need to know the Scripture, and learn its meaning in order to combat the false teaching and the deep things of Satan. If we have debates, let us debate over God's will as it is revealed in Scripture, and not simply over human _____. We need to hold fast to what we have, and continue to do the works of the Lord, extending his effective will and his kingdom.

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 9/18

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
12:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry
	Volunteer Luncheon
12:00 p.m.	Belize Team Meeting in Library
1:30 p.m.	Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC
6:00 p.m.	Alfred Lee Concert

Monday 9/19

3:30 p.m.	Blanton Kids Beach Club
6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

Tuesday 9/20

3:30 p.m.	Ellis Kids Beach Club
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Wednesday 9/21

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 9/22

6:00 p.m.	The Well
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

Information for the October 2nd bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

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, call Joan Reynolds at 817-239-7240.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for the families of those who have passed:

The family of Audrey Wallace

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Chona Pacot Anwar, David Boice, Carl Carpenter, Crystal Castaneda, Kevin Chin, 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, Mary Ellen 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, 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, 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.

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

Rev. Chris Campbell Installation Service

We are excited to install our new Associate Pastor, the Rev. Chris Campbell! Please join us next Sunday, September 25th at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to hear clergy from around our presbytery celebrating what God is doing in this important moment in the life of our church.

Childcare will be provided. A light reception will follow the service in the Parlor.

Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will resume this 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 "Womens 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)

Belize Informational Meeting

Interested in serving as a member of the Belize Mission Trip Team in 2017? The Belize Mission Trip will be March 12-19, 2017. Please join us for an informational meeting today after the 11 a.m. service in the Library. God may be calling you to come and serve.

Questions, please call Suzie McCoy at 817-271-5995.

Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

**New Members Class, Continues in Week 4
at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214 (brown hall)**

HOPE Tutoring

HOPE Tutoring starts its 21st year in Arlington providing free tutoring to third through eighth graders in Arlington. These students generally come from low-income backgrounds and are underachieving in their schoolwork. FPCA has been with HOPE for 12 of those years – the longest week-in, week-out mission in our church.

I want to say thank you to the approximately 25 members of our congregation who have given of their time to help students improve in their school work.

Tutoring begins Tuesday, September 27th
To become a tutor, call 817-860-7757.

FPCA's Children's Fall Activities

Children's Ministry Volunteers Luncheon and Training

Today at 12 noon in the Parlor

Kids Beach Club

Kids Beach Club began this week. We will meet at Blanton Elementary on Mondays and Ellis Elementary on Tuesdays 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.

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.

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.

Kids Night Out

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

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). 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.