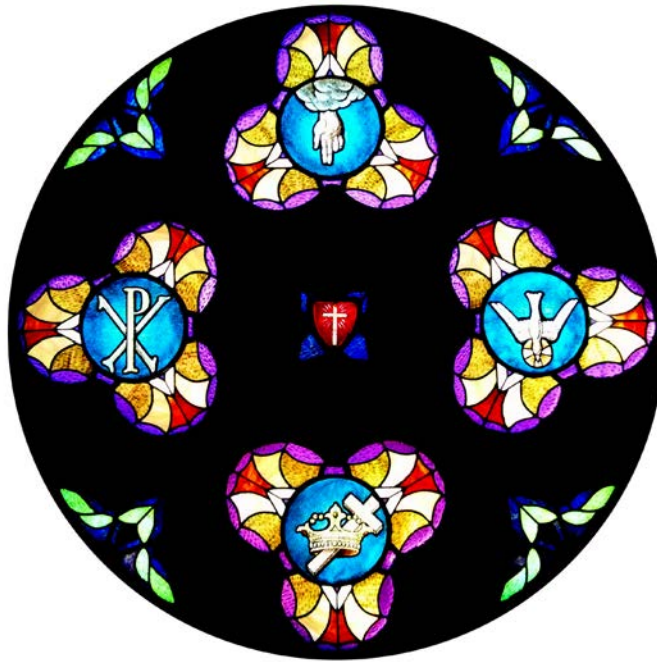


October 2, 2016

# First Presbyterian Church

The Twentieth 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: Adrian Rodriguez

11:00 Lay Leader: Michelle Craig

# *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  
David & Isobel Peden in celebration of their  
35th wedding anniversary.

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

2 Corinthians 2:17

*For we are not peddlers of God's word like so many, but in Christ we speak as persons of sincerity,  
as persons sent from God and standing in his presence.*

Prelude

Voluntary in C Major

G.F. Handel

Call to Worship

from Psalm 24

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

**That the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of Glory?

**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.**

Let us worship God!

§ Hymn 513

This Is the Feast of Victory

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

§ Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and generous God, you lavishly bestow the gift of your love. Forgive us, we pray—  
when we don't see or recognize your gifts for what they are;  
when we think we have somehow earned or are entitled to your generosity;  
when we take what you give and beg you for more;  
when we hoard our gifts and do not hear the mournful cry of those around us;  
when our greed plunges us into ruin and destruction.**

**Teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment**

**that we may be grateful for your provision and share the gifts you give with others.**

**As we are blessed by you, so may we be a blessing to others, in the name of your matchless gift,  
our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 175

Seek Ye First

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Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading                      2 Corinthians 2:12–17                      New Testament page 180

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 3:7–13                      New Testament page 247

The Sermon                      Booster Shots: I Have Set Before You an Open Door                      Rev. McDermott

## ***The Table***

Offertory                      Andante Religioso                      Felix Mendelssohn

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)                      Thou Knowest, Lord                      Bob Chilcott

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;*

*shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.*

*O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal,  
suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.*

Prayer after Communion

## ***Sending***

§ Hymn 260                      Alleluia! Sing to Jesus                      HYFRYDOL

§ Charge and Benediction                      the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude                      Praise Ye the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him                      Jerry Westenkuehler



## *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.

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## *Comments for Contemplation*

Booster Shots: I Have Set Before You An Open Door 2 Corinthians 2:12–17; Revelation 3:7–13

1. One thing is clear about someone who has a key and knows how to use it: that person has some degree of trust, some degree of \_\_\_\_\_, and some degree of responsibility that not everyone has.
2. I believe the Lord is setting before us an open door, an opportunity like we have never seen before. It is a door that no one can shut except the Lord himself. It is the opportunity to share with despairing people the key to genuine authority, the hope of true reality, and the chance to be \_\_\_\_\_ for God's purposes.
3. There are times when we are tempted to think that we are powerless to change anything. But John's vision reminds us, when we keep the Word of the Lord, and do not deny His name, holding fast to what we have, we will become \_\_\_\_\_ in God's house, steadfast and permanent.
4. When a package arrives with your name on it, there is no mistaking to whom it belongs. And the same is true of those who keep the Lord's word of patient endurance. The name of the Lord and of his city are \_\_\_\_\_ upon them, and there is no mistaking to whom they belong.
5. Philadelphia proved to be the open door for Greek language and Greek culture three centuries before John received this Revelation. Now Philadelphia was to be the open door for the message of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. Will the same be true for us?

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

Sunday 10/2

8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
1:30 p.m.	Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC

Monday 10/3

3:30 p.m.	Blanton Kids Beach Club
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Tuesday 10/4

3:30 p.m.	Ellis Kids Beach Club
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 10/5

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 10/6

6:00 p.m.	The Well
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring

Information for the October 16th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to [kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org) by this Monday.

## ***Prayer Ministry***

*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, Albert Ross, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Brooks and Connie Taylor, BJ Thomas (Rev. Larry Thomas' wife), Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Jessica Villarreal, 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.





## FPCA Health Fair

Our church is offering a health fair for middle aged and older adults in conjunction with the University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation. The fair will begin following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 16 and will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

Come and get screened for blood pressure, high blood sugar, overweight, depression, or memory loss. We will offer education on these topics as well as nutrition, medical power of attorney, and advance directives.

## Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team

We are accepting Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT).

You can put your selections in the nomination boxes in the Narthex, outside the Chapel, outside the Fellowship Hall, in the offering plate, bring to the church office, or you can email your nominations to: YvetteFielder@hotmail.com.

We welcome all of your participation in this!

## Women's Bible Study

For October, the Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the church Parlor. A light meal will be served. \$2 donation is appreciated. Chapter 2 will be discussed.

All women are invited. Questions?  
Contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com)  
or Sheri Quick (sheri@aol.com).

## Saints Alive Meets October 20th

Please come to our church seniors group for a potluck lunch on Thursday, October 20th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The program will be given by Executive Director Deborah Coppola of Arlington Charities. She will give us details about our Thanksgiving Baskets project which begins Sunday, October 23rd.

So prepare a casserole, salad or dessert and join us for an interesting and fun afternoon.

## Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, October 29th at 4:00 p.m. We are asking church members to donate treats this year. They can be placed in the grey boxes outside the office.

We will more than likely have Trunk or Treat in the Fellowship Hall again this year. So please bring decorations to create a make believe trunk or whatever you feel would be suitable.

## Thanksgiving Baskets Are Coming!

October 23 is the Kick-off Sunday to sign up to bring food for the Thanksgiving Baskets. First Presbyterian Church is again joining Arlington Charities in feeding those who, otherwise, may not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. The Mission & Evangelism Team set a goal of: 225 Baskets

Please sign up outside of the Fellowship Hall, outside the Chapel or in the Red Hall. You can sign up as an individual, a family, or a group. After you sign up, please take your numbered Basket Sheet with the requested list of food items and the attached envelope for the pie crust and turkey donation.

### New This Year!

You may bring the food items in your own grocery sacks rather than stuffing them in one paper sack. Please return your numbered Basket Sheet and attached envelope along with your food items to the Fellowship Hall on or before November 13th.

You can also help by putting extra food items in the S.O.S. boxes. Arlington Charities feeds over 900 families. These families are Arlington citizens and they are the working poor who can't make ends meet. Each basket feeds one family so they can celebrate Thanksgiving together at home.

Thanks ~ The Mission & Evangelism Team