

November 20, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday



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: Adrian Rodriguez

11:00 Lay Leader: Larry Stephenson

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 Bob and Lona Watkins.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

We are not called to be managers of God's kingdom, but to be faithful workers. We do not know God's plan for our country, but God does. Pray for wisdom to discern God's will for our nation.

Prelude

Trumpet Tune

William Boyce

Call to Worship

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of earth.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of God's glory!

Let us worship God!

Introit (11:00)

Christ is the King

Russell Farnell

\$ Hymn 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\$ Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. 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 268

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

New Testament page 245

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)	O Love That Will Not Let Me Go	Jason McCoy
	Cassandra Kirby, soprano Sara Peper, alto Cheryl Harris, piano	

(11:00)	Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven	Claude L. Bass
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*Praise my soul, the king of heaven, to His feet thy tribute bring;
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing;
 Alleluia, praise Him, praise Him. Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress,
 Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
 Alleluia, Praise Him, praise Him. 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! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One.*

*Angels in the heights adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;
 Saints triumphant bow before Him; Gathered in from every race;
 Alleluia, Praise Him, praise Him. Praise, the God of grace.*

Scripture Reading	John 18:33–38a	New Testament page 113
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The Sermon	Where Does the King Reign?	Rev. McDermott
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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 (8:30)	Chorale	Noel Rawstorne
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(11:00)	With a Joyful Heart Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble	Susan Geschke
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§ The Doxology (Hymn 606)		OLD HUNDREDTH
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**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 Nicene Creed (Hymnal, page 34)
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Sending

§ Hymn 263	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!	CORONATION
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§ Charge and Benediction	the congregation joins hands
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§ Postlude	Fanfare on DIADEMATA	Michael Burkhardt
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Comments for Contemplation

Where Does the King Reign? Revelation 1:4–8; John 18:33–38a

1. We know from the Roman historian Suetonius that Domitian began to demand that his subjects address him as “Lord and God” and to worship his image. No Roman ruler prior to Domitian had demanded this type of idolatrous worship. Bruce Metzger reminds us that “for refusing to commit this act of _____, many Christians were put to death (Rev. 6:9; 13:15), others were exiled, and all were threatened.”
2. What we discover is that Jesus is indeed the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, that his authority comes from his faithfully bearing witness to the truth, and that his suffering, death and resurrection are the defining moments that _____ his claims and point us to the way of his Kingdom.
3. But we must be careful about seeing Jesus, or even Christ’s body, the church, as a *means* for achieving other things. Christ the King Sunday should draw us back to the truth that Jesus is Lord and King, that he himself *is* the end, that we cannot _____ Jesus but that we are to serve him as our Lord and allow him to use us.
4. So Pilate asks Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” It was a dramatic moment. If he says no he can go free. But he doesn’t deny it. Instead he says that his kingdom is not from this world. Pilate says, “So you are a king?” Jesus answers, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the _____. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”
5. This indicates that Jesus has authority over all the world, or as it says in Matthew 28, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Who can make such a claim? This tells us that the very authority of _____ is now given to Jesus Christ.
6. Friends, it is time for us to decide the direction we will go as individuals and as a community. Either Jesus is the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, or he is not. Either he has every claim on our lives, or he does not. Either his death atones for our sins, or it does not. Either he has called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light or he has not. Either he is the Alpha and the _____ or he is not.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 11/20

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
6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner
7:30 p.m. Music Intern Voice Recital

Monday 11/21

Preschool Closed
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday 11/22

Preschool Closed
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday 11/23

Church Office & Preschool Closed

Thursday 11/24

Church Office & Preschool Closed
Thanksgiving

Friday 11/25

Preschool Closed

Saturday 11/26

9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church

Information for the December 4th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers of thanksgiving for new life:

Scott Scovell Lavender, born November 4th, 10 lbs., 5 oz. Proud grandparents Mary and David Spencer and Sue and Jim Lavender

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Chona Pacot Anwar, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carl Carpenter, Crystal Castaneda, Kevin Chin, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Dorothy Curtis, Ted Dysart, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Nadine Freeman, Lila Glenn, David Goff, Susan Graham, Dick Haney, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Brandon Hay, Bill Hayden, Doyle Malone, Allen Miller, Mary Ellen Miller, Pat Mingle, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Moulton, Gwen Neal, Bill Olsen, Jim L. Quick, Albert Ross, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Al Smithson, Bob Spriggs, Brooks and Connie Taylor, BJ Thomas (Rev. Larry Thomas' wife), Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Donna Vickers, Jessica Villarreal, 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.

An Advent Festival

a service of worship in song
celebrating the coming of the Savior
with choir and chamber orchestra

featuring Benedictus

by Dan Pinkston

Sunday, December 11, 11:00 a.m.

in the sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church

1200 S. Collins St

Arlington, TX 76010

www.FirstPresTexas.org



Don't miss this wonderful worship opportunity!

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The Thanksgiving Dinner is tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meat and dessert will be provided by the Fellowship Team.

If your last name starts with:

A-G Potatoes or dressing

H-O Vegetables

P-Z Salads

Music Intern Voice Recital — Nov. 20

One of our Music Ministry Interns, Cassandra Kirby, will be presenting her senior recital soon at UTA, but she is giving a special treat for our church tonight.

Cassandra and fellow vocal student, Lillian Bailey will present a preview of their Senior Voice Recital in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m. (after our Thanksgiving dinner). Please come support Cassandra, and be amazed by her beautiful soprano voice!

365 Fundraiser for Belize Mission Trip 2017

Please consider supporting the Belize Mission Team for March 2017 by participating in our fundraiser during November 2016.

We will have 365 envelopes, each with a number from 1 to 365. There are 365 days in a year and each number (therefore each envelope) represents one day of the year. For example, the envelope labeled “\$1” represents January 1st and the envelope “\$365” represents December 31st.

The idea is for church members to select an envelope—either representing a date significant to them, or just a favorite number, etc.—then return it with a donation of the value corresponding to the number on the envelope.

We will have a table set up before and after services (entrance to Chapel and Narthex of Sanctuary) during

November. Please come by, select your envelopes, and return your donation during the month of November.

Checks should be made payable to FPCA and include “Belize Mission” in the memo line. The Belize Mission Team appreciates all of the support from the congregation each year. Our trip would not be possible without your support.

Thank you, The Belize Mission Team

Festival of Tables on December 6

The Festival of Tables will be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are available for purchase on Sunday, November 13th and 20th outside the Chapel at 9:30 a.m., outside the Library and Red Hall from 10:30-11:00 a.m. and 12 noon after the 2nd service. Tickets are \$3.00 each.

To have a successful event, we need volunteers to serve as hostesses for the tables.

Contact Bev Koch at 817-261-3202

Gifts of Hope

FPCA is launching a new alternative gift market that offers a creative and caring way to honor friends and family by donating to a wide range of outreach organizations. The Gifts of Hope cards will be available before and after Sunday worship services from November 27 to December 18, and can be given as gifts to loved ones indicating that a donation has been given in their honor.

Look for more information in coming weeks.

Decorate the Church

It's time to do the annual decorating for Advent.
Saturday, November 26th at 9:00 a.m.

All dedicated and eager folks who can help decorate, please come on out!

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, December 4th after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. We hope to elect Elders, Deacons, two members of the CNT, one Trustee and Pastor's Terms of Call. Please plan to attend!

Strengthening Your Family Parenting Class

The Parenting Center will be offering classes at FPCA during Kids Night Out, Friday, December 2nd.

The classes are to help equip parents in strengthening families and will cover topics such as positive discipline, communication and establishing values. While the parents attend classes, children in 6th grade and younger will enjoy Kids Night Out. You can start arriving around 6:00 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:20. Classes will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. with both an English and Spanish class each night. The cost is \$20 for all five sessions. Scholarships are available.

Contact Kyle at 817-274-8286
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