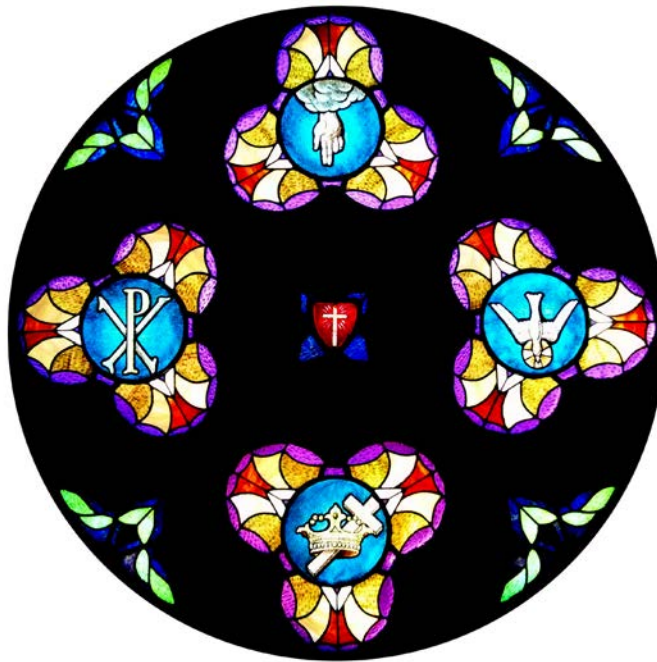


November 27, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

The First Sunday of Advent



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. Chris Campbell

8:30 Lay Leader: Diane Terwilliger

Advent wreath: Bill and Debbie Richardson

11:00 Lay Leader: Jane Leathem

Advent wreath: Jim L. and Jo Ann Quick

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 Sandra & David Boice

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

The people of God are to watch for the coming of the Lord. They are to be ready for the unexpected, and readiness takes preparation. Think of unexpected ways the Lord appears in our lives. To watch means to live in expectation. How does such anticipation affect the routine course of the day? In Noah's day a flood overtook the people and swept them away. Watch and be ready.

Prelude

Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme

J. S. Bach

Lighting the Advent Candles

§ Hymn 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

§ Prayer of Confession

God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer
as we confess our shortcomings and guilt:

for our reveling and drunkenness,

Forgive us.

For our debauchery and licentiousness,

Forgive us.

For our quarreling and jealousy,

Forgive us.

When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we are a mixture of weeds and wheat,

Forgive us.

Renew us in love and teach us to live in a way

that brings honor and glory to your name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ Song of Assurance

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

**Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace! So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.**

§ Passing the Peace

Greet those around you with, **"The peace of Christ be with you."**

§ Hymn 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People
stanzas 2, 3

GENEVAN 42

Community Joys and Events

Sacrament of Baptism

**Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:10–14 Old Testament page 636

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (11:00) And the Glory of the Lord G. F. Handel

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed; and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18–25 New Testament page 1

The Sermon The Coming of the Messiah: The Promise Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Affirmation of Faith Philippians 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.**

Offertory Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL David H. Williams

§ The Doxology (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

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.**

Sending

\$ Hymn 250

Hymn of Promise

PROMISE

\$ Charge and Benediction

all are invited to join hands

\$ Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel



This week @ FPCA

Sunday 11/27

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 11/28

3:30 p.m.	Blanton Kids Beach Club
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Tuesday 11/29

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

Wednesday 11/30

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 12/1

6:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
6:45 p.m.	Team Meeting Night

Friday 12/2

6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out
6:00 p.m.	Parenting Class

Information for the December 11th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for the families of those who have passed:

The family Gwen Neal

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, 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

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!

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.

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

Gifts of Hope are HERE!

FPCA is launching a new opportunity called "Gifts of Hope" for the 2016 Advent Season. Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift market that offers a creative and caring way to honor friends, family members, colleagues, etc. by donating to a wide range of outreach organizations. "Shoppers" choose an organization and donation amount from the list and in turn receive a card to give as a gift.

This program not only supports outreach organizations, but also seeks to combat the materialism of Christmas. Note: because the donation will not be a direct contribution to FPCA, the donation is not tax deductible and will not appear on your yearly contribution statement. Stop by a table before and after both worship services between Sunday, November 27th and Sunday, December 18th to purchase your gifts of hope! You may also turn in order forms in the church office. Feel free to email Laura Farnell at Laura.Farnell@gmail.com or call or text (817) 478-5676 for more information.

It's time to purchase your Gifts of Hope!

The Mitten Tree

As winter arrives, remember the people who do not have basic necessities to keep them warm. During the month of December, the congregation can extend the joy of sharing by bringing mittens, gloves, hats, new socks and underwear, books, games, small toys and other gifts to be placed on the Mitten Tree. These items will be given to children and adults who need them this winter at the Life Shelter and Arlington Charities. This year the need is greater than ever!

The Mitten Tree will be located in the hall across from the Choir room, or you can place items in the SOS boxes. As always, the Mission and Evangelism Team thanks you for all your wonderful support in helping in our local outreach to the community.

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!

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
or kyle@firstprestexas.org

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