

January 8, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Baptism of the Lord



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: Stuart Hanson

11:00 Lay Leader: Paula Thomson

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 the
Friendship Class in honor of our team leaders:
Richard, Sue, Liz, and Carol and by Bob Koch in
honor of Beverly Koch's 80th birthday.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Prelude

March on Lasst Uns Erfreuen

June Nixon

Call to Worship

from Psalm 29

The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flame.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl.

And in his temple, all say, "Glory!"

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

Rejoice!

C. O. BECK

§ Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

§ Prayer of Confession (silence, then said together)

Dear Lord, we worship you as our God and king, the faithful guardian of our souls. As we come to you in this time of worship to stop and breathe, we want to open our hearts and share the secrets we keep, our sins, and our lack of faith. We lay it all out before you. We confess that we have followed the enticing idols offered by the world instead of worshiping you alone.

In the safe place of prayer, Lord, hear our hearts speak. Please forgive us and fill us with your grace. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

MEINEKE

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 443

There is a Redeemer

GREEN

Community Joys and Events

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Romans 1:16-17

New Testament page 152

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (11:00)

Take Me to the Water
Laura Farnell, piano

arr. Rollo Dillworth

*Take me to the water. Take me to the sea. Take me to the river, so that my spirit can be free.
Gonna lay my burdens down, down by the riverside. Gonna wade in the water,
The water that flows both deep and wide. Oh, take me to the water!
Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside. Oh, take me to the water!
Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside. Oh, take me to the water!
Wade in the water children. God's a-gonna trouble the water.*

Scripture Reading

Romans 10:8-17

New Testament page 160

The Sermon

Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind 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

Just As I Am

Gordon Young

§ 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

Colossians 1:14-16

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him, all things in
heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible. He himself is before all things, and
in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the
firstborn of the dead, so that he may come to have first place in everything. For in him all the
fullness of God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making
peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Toccata in C Minor

Johann Gottfried Walther



Comments for Contemplation

New Sermon Series:

The Six Great Ends (or Purposes) of the Church

1. Proclamation of the Gospel Romans 1:16-17; Romans 10:8-17

1. Starting this new year by focusing on the six great ends (or purposes) of the Church should bring us back to the basics, and remind us of why we exist. There is no greater danger for the Church than to lose track of what the Lord has called us to be about, and unfortunately, it happens more that we care to _____.
2. Paul says, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith...” And yet today many Christians have been shamed into sedentary silence about their faith in Christ, about the good news that Jesus loves all people and has redeemed them from sin, a _____ that they can receive by faith.
3. Pastor Jerry Andrews invites us to notice that the proclamation of the gospel is an announcement of good news, it is not an agenda designed to further a cause. The herald announces, “See what God has done for you and for the whole world! Receive God’s _____ and live in the light of God’s redeeming love in Christ Jesus!”
4. Paul quotes from Habakkuk 2:4, saying, “The one who is righteous will live by faith,” and that can also be translated, “The one who is righteous through faith will live.” In either instance, Paul will make clear that becoming righteous (or rightly related to God) is a gift of God’s grace to be _____ by faith.
5. Both faith and public profession of faith are essential for justification and salvation. Paul says, “If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one _____ with the mouth and so is saved.”
6. We read, “And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Notice what is beautiful. Not the mouths, not the _____, but the feet of those who have carried the good news from one place to another.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 1/8

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

Tuesday 1/10

6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
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Wednesday 1/11

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 1/12

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

Friday 1/13

6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out
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Information for the January 22nd bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Esther Albright, Chona Pacot Anwar, Polly Baugh, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Kevin Chin, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Dorothy Curtis, Ted Dysart, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, 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, Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Donna Vickers, Jessica Villarreal, Mary Jane Wright

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Aaron Alonso, Sean Ansley, 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 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.

Porchlights

Porchlights is a church fellowship activity. Groups of members join together for dinner one time each month. Porchlights groups host the meals in their home. A Streetlight group visit various restaurants.

If you have not been in Porchlights before but would like to try it now, please call:
Claudia Johnson 817-253-4541 or Sandy Thomlinson 817-522-2080.

If you are interested in being a part of Streetlights, please call Lucy Cleaver 817-480-4519.

Come for dessert and to choose groups on Sunday, January 29, at 3:00 p.m.
in the church Parlor.

The Six Great Ends of the Church

Beginning today, Pastor Rich will be both preaching and teaching a new series on "The Six Great Ends [or Purposes] of the Church." The Class will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM for six weeks, and includes a DVD video with a variety of Presbyterian leaders from around the country. The sermons will follow the same topics. The Six Great Ends have guided American Presbyterians for over 100 years.

The preaching and teaching topics are:

Jan. 8: Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind;

Jan. 15: Shelter, Nurture and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God;

Jan. 22: Maintenance of Divine Worship;

Jan. 29: Preservation of the Truth;

Feb. 5: Promotion of Social Righteousness;

Feb. 12: Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World.

Mark your calendars and join us for this important series of classes and sermons that will challenge us to a broader view of our mission as Jesus' followers.

Saints Alive will have a special musical program on January 19.

The vocalist is Jeannie Clark Fisher and she will be accompanied by Bill Flynt. The program will include light vocal music from early 20th Century operettas by such composers as Jerome Kern, Victor Herbert, and Franz Lehar. Our potluck lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. to be followed by the program in Fellowship Hall. Bev Koch at 817-261-3202 will be glad to answer any questions.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 29th after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend.

Gifts of Hope Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in FPCA's Gifts of Hope alternative gift market! This Advent season, 138 gifts were purchased totaling \$1553.50, which will be given to local and international outreach organizations. This total represents 25 ducks, 10 chickens, 17 packets of seeds, 3 hot meals, 1 blanket, 4 child care kids, 2 action packs, 8 Bibles, 19 weeks of meals for families, 7 pairs of winter socks, 25 paperback books, 6 reams of paper, 7 birthday cakes, 2 parenting classes, 5 month's worth of school supplies, and 2 week's worth of school lunches.

Thank you for giving these gifts in the spirit of Christian love that will bless people in need both locally and internationally.

Offering Envelopes

Don't forget to pick up your offering envelopes outside the Chapel and in the Narthex after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Annual Leaf Raking Party

The All-Church Work Day - Annual Leaf Raking Party (weather permitting) will be on Saturday, January 21st at 8:30 a.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Bags will be provided. Please bring your own rake!

Come join us in this fun time.

Women's Bible Study

We will meet on Monday, January 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Rev. Betsy Pense will facilitate Chapter 4

Reminder: In case of inclement weather, such as ice, we will cancel.