

January 22, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Third Sunday after Epiphany



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: Jonathan Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: Samuel Terwilliger

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.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Jesus speaks of worshiping God in spirit and in truth. God's people bear witness to the indwelling Spirit in all that they do. The truth that guides them is substantiated through acts of forbearance and love. May all that is done praise God's name!

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in D major

Johann Caspar Simon

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

Come into his presence with singing

For the Lord is good;

His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship God!

Introit (11:00)

We Have Come to Worship You

David Davidson

§ Hymn 650

O Beauty Ever Ancient

ANCIENT BEAUTY

§ Prayer of Confession (silence, then said together)

Do not harden our hearts, O God, do not harden our hearts to the sound of your voice. We confess we do not listen to the word that you send. You give us Jesus, the Word of life in our midst. We confess our delay in obeying the direction he brings. You promise the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power. We confess ignoring such guidance since we do not respond. Forgive us our sin, and help us obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

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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 321

The Church's One Foundation

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Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100:1–5

Old Testament page 552

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)

Lord of all Hopefulness
Homer Reynolds, soloist

Alan Bullard

Anthem (11:00)

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

*My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not may die eternally.*

*Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.*

*Then why, O blessed Jesus Christ should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven, nor of escaping hell.*

*Not with the hope of gaining aught, nor seeking a reward,
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!*

*Even so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing,
Solely because Thou art my God, and my eternal King.*

Scripture Reading

John 4:7–26

New Testament page 95

The Sermon

3. The Maintenance of Divine Worship

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

Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"

Dennis Janzer

§ The Doxology (Hymn 675)

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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

from Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor
powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to
separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

\$ Hymn 268	Crown Him with Many Crowns	DIADEMATA
\$ Charge and Benediction		the congregation joins hands
\$ Postlude	Crown Him with Many Crowns	Sharon E. Rogers



Comments for Contemplation

Sermon Series: *The Six Great Ends (or Purposes) of the Church*
“3. The Maintenance of Divine Worship” Psalm 100:1–5; John 4:7–26

1. The Lord says, “You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay? Shall the thing made say of its maker, ‘He did not make me.’; or the thing formed say of the one who formed it, ‘He has no understanding.’” God is utterly stunned by their callousness and _____, and calls his people back to true worship and lives that give glory to Him.
2. The first commandment revealed to Moses is to worship the Lord God alone. The content of that worship, according to the *Shema* in Deuteronomy 6:5, is total devotion: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your _____, and with all your soul, and with all your might.”
3. But this hour on Sunday, when we gather as a community of God’s people and focus on worshiping the Lord, is what prepares and equips us for a life filled with worship. That is why Paul exhorts us in Romans 12 to present our _____ (or our entire selves) as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God which is our “spiritual worship.”
4. In these two passages, we discover that we shouldn’t try to limit worship to our own experience of it and what we may be used to. God is constantly breaking out of the boxes that we try to put Him in, and if we aren’t careful, God might just break us out of the boxes that we put _____ in, as well.
5. True worship means seeking God’s agenda and presenting ourselves to God for God’s use, and not the other way around. To worship God in truth is to respond to God’s revelation in Jesus Christ, who is the Truth. Too often we engage in _____, in superstition, and in syncretism.
6. When someone asks you why you come to First Presbyterian Church, and you say I like the music, or I like the sermons, or I like the sanctuary, or I like the people, do you know that you are bordering on idolatry? Maybe we can learn to say, I come so I can worship the _____ and true God!

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 1/22

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 1/23

3:30 p.m.	Blanton Kids Beach Club
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Tuesday 1/24

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

Wednesday 1/25

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 1/26

6:00 p.m.	The Well
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

Friday 1/27

6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out
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Information for the February 5th 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, Yvonne Babb, 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, A. Jack Gray, 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, Darla Morrison, 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.

Sunday Flowers

Dear Congregation: Back in July 2016 we notified you that FPCA will provide flowers only when people sign up and there is a dedication. You all responded wonderfully, sometimes two arrangements per Sunday!! So we know that you love having fresh flowers to make our worship spaces even more beautiful. We have hit a pretty big lull to start out 2017 though, so just a reminder - if you would like to sign up to provide a floral arrangement, there are two flower charts: one outside the Chapel and one outside the southern entrance to the Sanctuary. Flowers are placed first in the Chapel for early service and then moved to the Sanctuary for all to enjoy. Then you may take all or part of them home, or request they be distributed by the Congregational Care Team. The standard cost is \$50.00 per arrangement.

Thank you! FPCA Worship Team

Preschool Open House

The Preschool will hold an Open House on Thursday, February 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting

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

All Church Dinner

Come to the Taco Soup dinner next Sunday, January 29th in the Fellowship Hall
following the Congregational Meeting.

The Prodigal God Small Group Experience for Lent

Why do this small group study? Has anyone ever told you that “religion” is diametrically opposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ? Timothy Keller, in his book and video called “*The Prodigal God*” says that very thing. You can begin an unforgettable journey of discovering one of the most powerful yet most misunderstood parables of the Bible -- The Parable of the Prodigal Son. *The Prodigal God* curriculum and small group experience will help you uncover the essential message of the parable: that the gospel is neither religion nor irreligion, neither morality nor immorality, but something else entirely. If your experience of church and religion has been mostly about obeying rules and trying to become a good and moral person, then this study is for you.

You can: 1) *lead*, 2) *host*, or 3) be a *member* of a small group that meets weekly for six weeks during Lent. We are hoping that most of our small groups will meet in homes or offices or restaurants where we can invite people (“*curious outsiders*”) that might be hesitant to come to a church building. Books and Discussion Guides will be made available for purchase for each participant. The DVD’s will be provided to those leading the small groups and a brief training will be provided for those leading and hosting. Leaders and Hosts can decide the best time and place to meet for six weeks. If you would like to be a part, please contact Kim Lewis in the church office at 817-274-8286, or email her at kim@firstprestexas.org. There will also be opportunities to sign up on Sunday mornings, starting in February.

The Six Great Ends of the Church

Come join Pastor Rich in 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.

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.