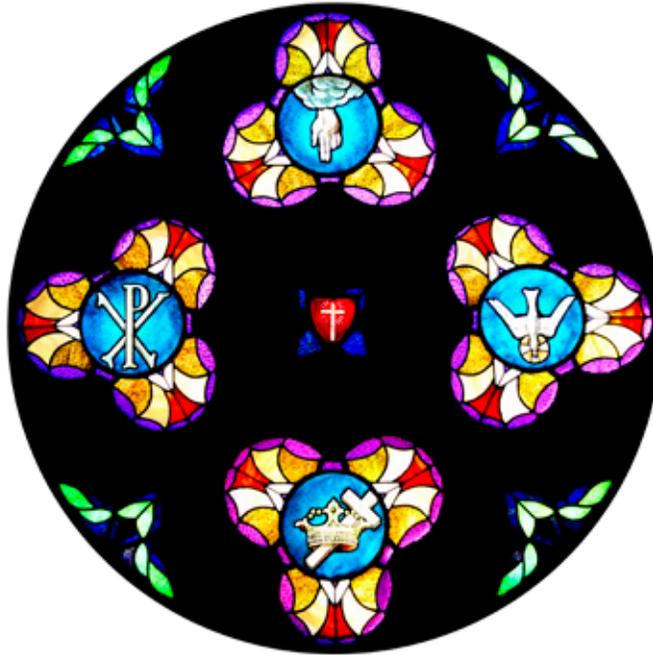


February 19, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Seventh 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: Bob Koch

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

1 Corinthians 3:21–23

So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belongs to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Prelude

Partita on Westminster Abbey: I. Chorale

Robert Powell

Call to Worship

God's Spirit dwells in us,

for we are God's temple.

We belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God!

Introit (11:00)

Alleluia

JOYFUL ALLELUIA

§ Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

§ Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we come into your presence asking for your forgiveness.

Forgive us for great ambitions that never get translated into actions, and for promises that we have not kept. Forgive us for having good intentions that were not fulfilled, and for the good deeds that we never got around to doing.

Grant us a new vision and help us to move from intention to action. Help us, Lord, to keep our eyes on you and to be faithful in all that we say and do. In Christ's name we pray. 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 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

Community Joys and Events

Sending

§ Hymn 377	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	HOUSTON
§ Charge and Benediction		the congregation joins hands
§ Postlude	Partita on Westminster Abbey: III. Fugue and Finale	Robert Powell



Comments for Contemplation

A Temple of God's Spirit 1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23; Matthew 5:38–48

1. Christians believe that God is not only transcendent but also immanent, present with us and active in everyday life. We are to use our bodies to bring glory to God (1 Cor. 6:20), through service, compassion, excellence in our vocation or calling, and also through the everyday tasks of love, friendship, caring for parents and siblings, schooling, work, marriage, sex, parenting and the making of a decent _____.
2. And God sent Jesus as the ultimate object-lesson, to show us that the realm of human life could be lived by one who was also divine. In Jesus Christ, we see God's Word made flesh, and we understand that God's love for us is _____ and incarnate.
3. She once prayed this prayer, "Help me, Lord, to remember that religion is not to be confined to the church, or closet, nor exercised only in prayer and meditation, but that everywhere I am in your presence. So may my every word and action have a _____ content..." "
4. Jesus pitched his tent right in the middle of our messy world, with wars, executions, divorces, dirty diapers and the whole mess. And you know what? God intended it that way, it was not an accident. We are supposed to understand that God is with us in the middle of the _____.
5. Jesus hung out with just about everyone you can imagine: sinners, tax-collectors, people of no reputation, etc. He pitched his tent with a lot of people who had never met before, and he introduced them to each other as he was taking the _____ into his hands and his feet.
6. Jesus helps us to understand how to redeem a bad situation, and teaches us about redemptive suffering. Turn the other cheek, give your coat and your cloak, go the second mile, give to one who begs. In each instance, we are surprised at how the counter-intuitive response changes and redeems the entire _____ of the situation.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 2/19

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. New Members Class
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
1:30 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. Belize Team Meeting
2:00 p.m. PCGRC
6:00 p.m. Training for Lent Small
 Groups

Monday 2/20

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday 2/21

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

Wednesday 2/22

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 2/23

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

Friday 2/24

 Youth Cue in Waco
6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Saturday 2/25

 Youth Cue in Waco

Information for the March 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, 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, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Mary Ellen Miller, Pat Mingle, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Moulton, Bill Olsen, Jim L. Quick, Alecia and unborn baby Rodriguez, Albert Ross, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Al Smithson, Bob Spriggs, Brooks and Connie Taylor, Kyle Terwilliger, BJ Thomas, Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Donna Vickers, Jessica Villarreal, Mary Jane Wright

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

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.

Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class continues for seven weeks at 1:30 p.m. in the church Parlor. Students in grades 7 - 12 are invited. Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at adrian@firstprestexas.org or text or call him at 817-734-2726.

Joshua Lang Organ Recital

I'd like to invite you to my second and final masters recital at TCU. I will perform the works of Sweelinck, Bach, Vaughn Williams, Guilman and Langlais. Here is the information:

Friday March 10th, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Texas Christian University
Ed Landreth Auditorium
2800 S. University Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76129

Admission is free and there is parking available on the corner of Rogers/Cantey, and down Rogers adjacent to University Christian Church. I would love to share this music written for the organ with you.

The Prodigal God Small Group Experience for Lent

YOU MAY SIGN UP TODAY for joining, leading or hosting a small group to study “The Prodigal God” book, discussion guide and DVD by Tim Keller during Lent (Mar. 1–April 15). On Sunday, table in the Red Hall next to the sanctuary or outside the chapel will have sign-up sheets, books (\$10) and Discussion Guides (\$10) for your use. 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. Today you can sign up for the Small Groups. Thank you for prayerfully joining in this experience of “recover the heart of the Christian Faith.” Form your group today!

Online Giving Announcement!

We now offer Online Giving through our website—FirstPresTexas.org under the “Serve and Give” menu. Text Giving is also available! Text to 817-318-7013 to get started. For more information text “help” to the same number. If you have any questions, please stop by our church office or feel free to ask one of our staff members at 817-274-8286.

The 4-Week New Members Class Fixin’ to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community Begins today at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown hall

Week One: “Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ”

Week Two: “On Being a Christian in a Postmodern World”

Week Three: “Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian”

Week Four: “On Being Sent: Relational Ministry, Missional Discipleship and Incarnational Witness”

Women’s Bible Study

Monday Night Women’s Bible Study will meet Monday, February 20 at 6 p.m. in the church parlor. A light meal will be offered and a \$2 donation is accepted. The study is the PW/Horizon’s study Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes by Judy Yates Siker. Chapter 5 is February’s lesson and will be led by Kathy Moore. All women are invited to attend. Questions? Contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (SheriQ@aol.com).

Women’s Retreat in Glen Rose - March 31 to April 2

The women of the church will return to Glen Rose for their annual retreat and stay at the Still Water Lodge. Our speaker will be Anne Beall and her topic is “The Story Goes On...” She wants to help us claim our place in God’s ongoing story that is being written now, just as much as in Biblical days. More information will be available soon and reservations will begin March 5. All are welcome.

Diaper/Gift Card Shower for Adrian and Alecia Rodriguez

Sunday, March 5 after the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall.

Please come greet and congratulate the Rodriguez family as they anticipate the birth of their 2nd daughter the end of March.

Gifts of diapers or gift cards to Target or Walmart would be appreciated!

Preschool Summer Camp 2017

The Preschool Summer Camp will be Monday, June 5th through Friday, August 4th.

Ages 6 weeks through 3rd Grade.

Themes to be announced!

Monday to Friday - 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Before and After Camp Programs Available

Flexible Schedules

Open 6:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

\$75.00 Program Fee

Register for Fall and Summer and Program Fee is FREE

Stop by the Preschool to Register or contact Sandra Ybarra at: 682-551-1207 with questions.