

March 5, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The First Sunday in Lent



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: Sue Lavender

11:00 Lay Leader: Judy Northup

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

Tim Keller

Many lifelong Christian believers feel they understand the basics of the Christian faith quite well and don't think they need a primer. Nevertheless, one of the signs that you may not grasp the unique, radical nature of the gospel is that you are certain that you do. Sometimes longtime church members find themselves so stuck and turned around by a fresh apprehension of the Christian message that they feel themselves to have been essentially "re-converted."

Prelude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

We gather, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We listen, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

We watch and wait for the Word of God.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

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§ Prayer of Confession (silence, then said together)

Holy and merciful God, for the times we have followed the paths of the wicked, stood in solidarity with those who were wrong, or sat quietly and allowed sin to happen, forgive us.

Help us to meditate, even delight, in your Word so that we will flourish with the fruit of your Spirit. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

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 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
Stanza 1

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

Community Joys and Events

Commissioning the Belize Mission Team (11:00)

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading	Matthew 13:34–35	New Testament page 15
Children’s Time (11:00)	Children ages 3 to Kindergarten are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 218.	
Scripture Reading	Luke 15:1–32	New Testament page 78
The Sermon	Seeing the Parable Anew	Rev. McDermott

The Table

Offertory (8:30)	Trio	Joseph Rheinberger
(11:00)	Mercy	Craig Courtney

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from your rekindling flame.
Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace, and blot out my iniquity.
renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with your pardon, purity.
Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In equal measure of your love, you promise mercy,
Tender compassion to the one who seeks your face.
A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit,
Together cry for your forgiveness and your grace.

Against you only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in your sight.
Of your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.
Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

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Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord’s Prayer sung (see page 4)

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

8:30 – Come forward to partake.

11:00 – Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together.

*While passing the elements, you may say, “**the body of Christ,**” and, “**the cup of salvation.**”*

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

§ Charge and Choral Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Improvisation on “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Joshua Lang



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; _____
Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:
For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Comments for Contemplation

Seeing the Parable Anew Matthew 13:34–35; Luke 15:1–32

1. The notion of God’s love coming to us free of charge, no strings attached, seems to go against every instinct of humanity.... Only Christianity dares to make God’s love _____.
2. Like a visitor from a foreign country who notices what the natives overlook, Jesus saw grace everywhere. Not only did Jesus talk about grace, he embodied grace and lived it out. He ate with tax collectors and sinners. He asked a drink of a Samaritan woman of ill repute. He loved and appeared to his disciples even after they _____ him.
3. If a person doesn’t get grace, then Christianity will always be a religion rather than a relationship and its practice will forever be filled with duty, obligation, drudgery, and rule-keeping. Some people who have been in the church their entire lives, may not yet _____ grace.
4. There is probably no greater parable in Scripture than the one we read today: the parable of the two prodigal sons. And I say “two prodigal sons” because that is the most _____ name for it, and this is a story about grace.
5. And the question that is hanging is, “Will you come in to celebrate and rejoice, will you move from death to life, and will you move from being lost to being found, yourself?” Because there is no corner on the market of _____ behavior.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 3/5

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. PCGRC

Monday 3/6

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 3/7

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

Wednesday 3/8

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 3/9

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

Friday 3/10

6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Information for the March 19th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for families of those who have passed:

The family of Rosemary Duncan

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

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 Olsen, Jim L. Quick, Judy Reck, 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:

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.

“Dough” for Carter Jr. High Music Programs Sponsored by the FPCA Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 26, 2017 following both worship services at the coffee pot near the Fellowship Hall. There will be all types of goodies to purchase. However, if you have given up sweets for Lent, baskets for donations will be available for your contribution.

The Prodigal God Small Group Experience for Lent

Our FPCA small groups are studying "The Prodigal God" book, discussion guide and DVD by Tim Keller during Lent (Mar. 1–April 15). 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.

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.

New Opportunity for easy, regular giving

We now offer Online Giving through our website—FirstPresTexas.org under the "Serve and Give" menu. Text Giving is also available! Text message 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.

Birth Announcement

Adrian & Alecia Rodriguez are happy to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter

Addileigh Isabela Faith Rodriguez! Addie made her debut on Friday, February 24, 2017 weighing 4 lbs 13 oz, 17 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well! Alecia S. Rodriguez continues to amaze us with her strength and love for our family. We are blessed to have two beautiful daughters and Aileigh is enjoying her time as a big sister now!

Deacons are collecting diapers and gift cards for Adrian & Alecia Rodriguez. If you have gifts, gift cards (Target or Walmart) or diapers, please bring them to the church office.

Bazaarnival Celebration Luncheon

Join us to celebrate 27 years of Bazaarnival history on Sunday, March 26th at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will share memories and tell great stories. Lunch will be catered, and donations accepted.

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

The Women's Retreat will be in Glen Rose from March 31 to April 2. Brochures and application forms are now available in the office, Red Hall and outside the library. We will be taking reservations starting today thru March 19 in the Red Hall and outside the library at 10:30 to 11:00 and again at noon. If you have questions, please contact Bev Koch at 817-261-3202. You may mail reservations to her at:
2808 Burlwood Drive, Arlington, TX 76016.

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.