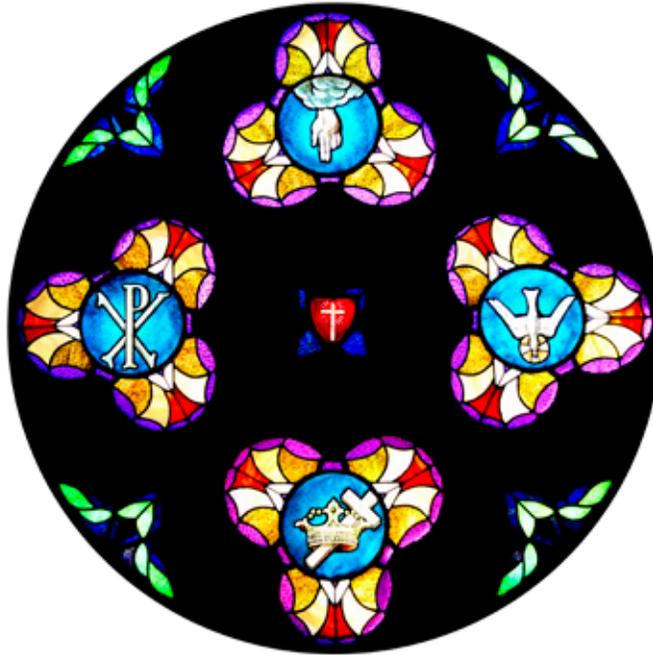


March 12, 2017

# First Presbyterian Church

The Second 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. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

8:30 Lay Leader: Tina Hanson

11:00 Lay Leader: Art Pena

# *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 John 3:1–2

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.*

Prelude

Premier Solo

E. Bourdeau

Jazmyn Trujillo, bassoon

Call to Worship

from Psalm 121

The Lord is our keeper, the shade at our right hand;

**The sun will not strike us by day.**

He will keep us from all evil and keep our lives.

**From this time on and forevermore.**

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

§ Prayer of Confession (silence, then said together)

**Lord God, we confess that we often do not seek your help when we need to repent. We try to avoid such need by meager efforts that eventually fail. It is as though we are caught in a tunnel. Please give us the grace to accept your help and strength to pray for that small light. That glimmer gets even brighter as we approach. That light we are drawn to is Jesus.**

**Forgive us our misdeeds, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. 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 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Community Joys and Events



## *Sending*

§ Hymn 802	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	ST. COLUMBA
§ Charge and Benediction		the congregation joins hands
§ Postlude	Suite Médiévale: Acclamations Josh Lang, organ	Jean Langlais



## *Comments for Contemplation*

The People Around Jesus    1 Timothy 1:12–17, Luke 15:1–10

1. Three historical figures I would like to have dinner with.

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Three historical figures I would like to party with.

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2. Looking at the example of this dinner party in Luke’s Gospel, we see three groups of people: the grumblers (or the unwilling listeners), the lost things (or lost people not living a life shaped by Christ, aka sinners), and the partiers (or the joyful seekers).
3. The three lost “objects” - the sheep, the coin, and the son - all represent people who are spiritually lost, far from God. This is Jesus characterizing the people the Pharisees view as “sinners.” They are lost, yet they are lost in quite different ways. The sheep is lost through foolishness, the coin through thoughtlessness, and the son through willfulness.
4. Partying with Jesus is an encounter that shows us everything we have tried in this world to fix us, to numb us, to distract us, falls short of the life changing grace he offers. Jesus will ignore the world to seek our hearts. And when he does, we have to make a choice. Will we repent and begin to grow into the creation God intended us to be, or will we choose to remain lost?
5. If we are not partying as well, then we are not living “on earth as it is in heaven.” Heaven is just waiting to explode into a party! If we are not reaching lost people, if we are not actively doing our job as disciples bringing the good news to those who are lost, this is going to be a dull place. Comfortable, familiar, your pew will always be there for you, but dull. The Gospel is not dull, friends, it’s a party.

## ***This week @ FPCA***

### **Preschool Spring Break March 13-17 - School Closed**

Sunday 3/12		Belize Mission Trip
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
2:00 p.m.		PCGRC
Monday 3/13		Belize Mission Trip
3:30 p.m.		Blanton Kids Beach Club
Tuesday 3/14		Belize Mission Trip
3:30 p.m.		Ellis Kids Beach Club
6:30 p.m.		HOPE Tutoring
Wednesday 3/15		Belize Mission Trip
		News Submission Date
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 3/16		Belize Mission Trip
11:30 a.m.		Saints Alive
6:30 p.m.		HOPE Tutoring
Friday 3/17		Belize Mission Trip
Saturday 3/18		Belize Mission Trip
8:30 a.m.		All Church Workday

**Information for the March 26th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to [kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org) by this Monday.**

## ***Prayer Ministry***

### ***Prayers for families of those who have passed:***

The family of George Streit (Judy Reck's brother)

### ***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, 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](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.

## **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 Program Fee is FREE

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

## Bazaarnival Celebration Luncheon

Join us to celebrate 28 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 from David's BBQ and donations accepted.

## Saints Alive

Thursday, March 16th at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our program will be Danny Ray who sings and plays guitar. All are welcome.

## 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.



**YOU ARE INVITED**  
to attend H.O.P.E. Tutoring Center's  
**BARBECUE**  
**NIGHT OF HOPE**  
\$45.00 PER PERSON | \$360.00 TABLE OF 8 SEATS  
**SATURDAY | 6:30-9:00**  
**MARCH 25 | O'CLOCK**  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1200 W GREEN OAKS BOULEVARD | ARLINGTON, TEXAS  
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. TERESA TABER DOUGHTY**  
DEAN, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION | THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON  
**MASTER OF CEREMONIES JIM DOUGLAS** RETIRED WHAA REPORTER



# BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

**Date:**  
Sunday, March 26, 2017

**When:**  
Following Both Worship Services

**Sponsored by:**  
**FPCA Chancel Choir**

There will be all types of goodies to purchase. However, if you have given up sweets for Lent and you would like to contribute; **DONATIONS** will be accepted.

All proceeds from this fundraiser go towards the **Carter Junior High School Choir Activity Fund.**



## All-Church Workday

Saturday, March 18th at 8:30 a.m.

We will work on a variety of projects around the church.

Your help would be truly appreciated.

## 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 on Sundays 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.

## Women's Bible Study

Monday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m.  
in the Church Parlor.

## 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.