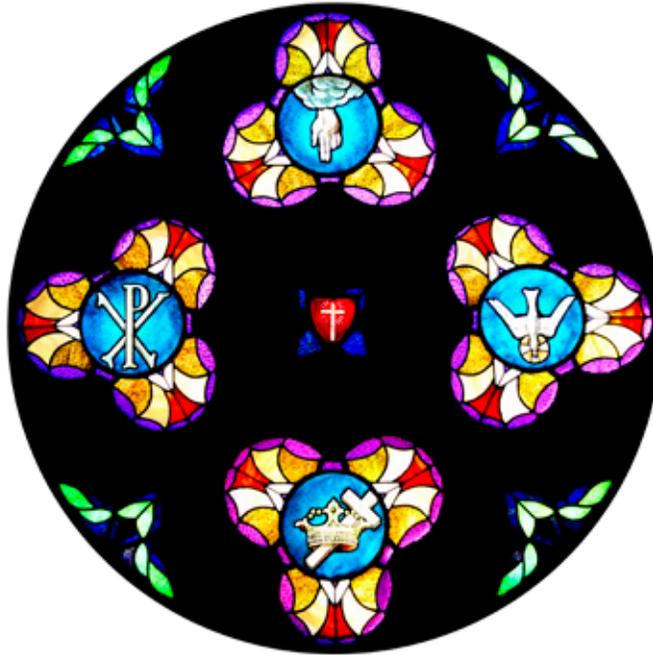


March 19, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Third 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

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Campbell

8:30 Lay Leader: Isobel Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Matt Annen

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

*Sin is not just breaking the rules, it is putting yourself in the place of God as Savior,
Lord and Judge just as each son sought to displace the authority of the father in his own life.*

Prelude

Chromhorne sur la Taille

François Couperin

Call to Worship

from Psalm 121

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

Let us worship God!

§ Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

§ Prayer of Confession (silence, then said together)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful 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 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Community Joys and Events

The Public Reception of New Members

See names in the insert

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9–14

New Testament page 81

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)

Be Still My Soul

arr. Mack Wilberg

Be still, my soul: The Lord is on thy side; With patience bear thy cross of grief or pain.

Leave to thy God to order and provide; In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: Thy best, thy heav'nly Friend Thru thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: Thy God doth undertake To guide the future as he has the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: The waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: The hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord,

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: When change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11–32

New Testament page 78

The Sermon

The Two Lost Sons

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

Antiphon III in E Minor

Marcel Dupré

§ The Doxology (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

§ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 623	I've Got Peace Like a River	PEACE LIKE A RIVER
§ Charge and Choral Benediction		the congregation joins hands
§ Postlude	Prelude in G Minor	J.S. Bach



Comments for Contemplation

The Two Lost Sons Luke 18:9–14, Luke 15:11–32

1. The request would therefore have been a disgrace to the family name, because of the younger son's extraordinary disrespect for his father. It would have also been a blow to the economic standing of the family, since the father would have to sell part of his _____ in order to give him his share.
2. Act one challenges us with a startling message: God's love and forgiveness can pardon and restore any and every kind of sin or wrongdoing. It doesn't matter who you are or what you've done.... There is no evil that the father's love cannot _____ and cover, there is no sin that is a match for his grace. [Keller]
3. Augustine goes on to say that even a murderer murders because he *loves* something. He loves romance or wealth or his reputation or something else too much, inordinately, more than God, and that is why he murders. Our hearts are distorted by "disordered loves." We love, rest our hearts in, and look to *things* to give us the _____ and the meaning that only the Lord can give.
4. The elder brother objects to the expense of what the father is doing. He shows that he has been obeying the father to get his things, not because he loves him, since he is willing to put him to _____. Both the older and the younger sons love the father's things, but not the father.
5. Many of us are like the elder brother. We may obey all the rules, but our real heart and passion is something else--our career, or making money, or our children, or peer acceptance. If anything has a controlling position in our heart, if any *thing* is more important to our happiness than God--then that thing is a "god" to us, an "inordinate love." We must _____ these things for what they are.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 3/19		Belize Mission Trip
8:30 a.m.		Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m.		Sunday School
11:00 a.m.		Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.		New Members Reception
1:30 p.m.		Confirmation Class
1:30 p.m.	Children's Music Ministries	
2:00 p.m.		PCGRC
Monday 3/20		
3:30 p.m.	Blanton Kids Beach Club	
6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday 3/21		
3:30 p.m.	Ellis Kids Beach Club	
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring	
Wednesday 3/22		
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 3/23		
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring	
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting	
Friday 3/24		
6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out	
Saturday 3/25		
6:30 p.m.	Night of HOPE	

Information for the April 2nd bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, 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, Cosme Pacot, Jim L. Quick, 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.

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

What a get together we will have! Come and bring your friends to the Bazaarnival Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, March 26th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Be thinking of fun stories to share. Lunch will be catered by David's BBQ and donations will be accepted. Sign up to attend on the Friendship pad.

New Members Reception

Today there is a New Members Reception after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

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

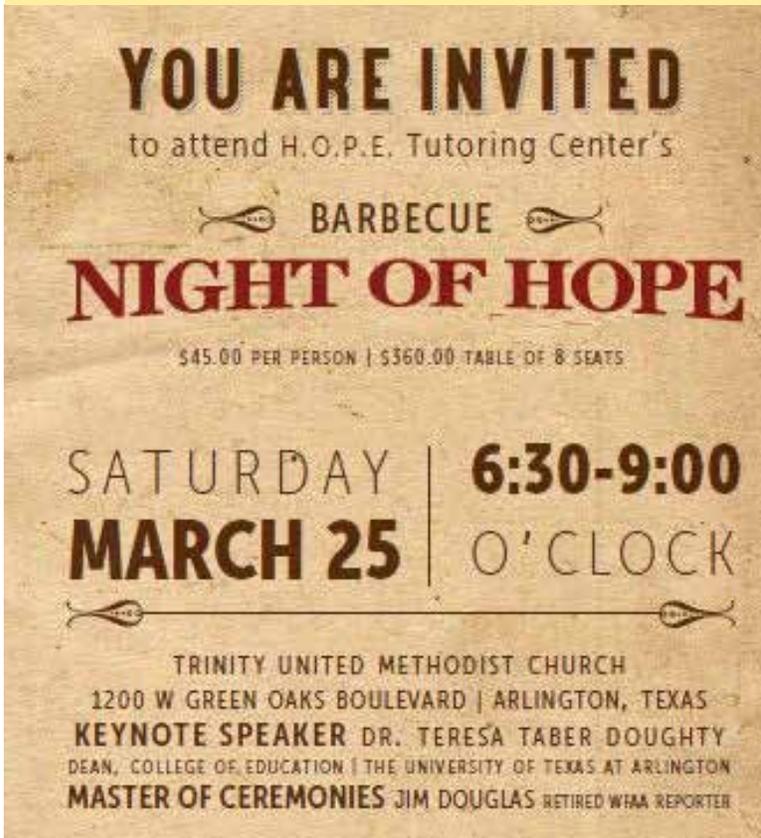
The Women's Retreat will be in Glen Rose from March 31 to April 2. Brochures and application forms are now available in the office, Red Hall and outside the library. We will be taking reservations through today in the Red Hall and outside the library at 10:30 to 11:00 and again at noon. If you have questions,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

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Passion Sunday Choral Service, Sunday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary (the evening of Palm Sunday)
Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Chapel
Good Friday Service, Friday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Easter Breakfast, Sunday, April 16th at 9:45 -10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Easter Services, Sunday, April 16th at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel and 11:00 a.m. in Sanctuary



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 WFAA 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.**



Women's Bible Study

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