

April 2, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth 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: Susie Floyd

11:00 Lay Leader: Maggie Johnson

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

A “true” elder brother would have left his father’s house and searched for the younger one, not returning until he found him and could bring him home. The elder brother in the parable was only interested in securing his material possessions. He saw himself as righteous, but was truly empty inside.

Prelude

Allegro from Album Leaves
Emily Guerrero, viola Cheryl Harris, piano

Hans Sitt

Call to Worship

from Psalm 121

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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§ Prayer of Confession (silence, then said together)

God of monumental patience and of prodigal mercy:

forgive your people their numerous sins,

have pity on our pride and folly,

lead us to the fountain of your grace,

and wash us thoroughly from all that defiles us,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Stanzas 1 and 4

TRENTHAM

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:17–20 New Testament page 4

Children’s Time (11:00)

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 216.

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1–5, 25–32 New Testament page 78

The Sermon The True Elder Brother Rev. Campbell

The Table

Offertory (8:30) Moderato from Album Leaves Hans Sitt
Emily Guerrero, viola Cheryl Harris, piano

(11:00) Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs Karl Graun
Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Isaiah 53:4

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.”

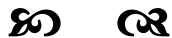
Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say KINGSFOLD

§ Charge and Choral Benediction the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah David Lasky



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

The True Elder Brother Matthew 5:17–20, Luke 15:1–6, 25–32

1. At first glance, [reconciliation] seems not to have cost anything. There is no punishment - he is just taken in. The father opens his arms, puts new clothes on him, and that's that. It's free... However, this is a great mistake. The conciliation is free to the younger brother. But it is very costly for someone else.
2. So the salvation of the younger son is not free after all. It has already been extremely expensive - look at the feast. And it will be extremely expensive. The father cannot forgive the younger brother, except at the expense of the elder brother. He is the one who must bear the cost of the reconciliation.
3. In each of the first two parables there is a lost object and someone who goes out, searches for it, and brings it home for joy... So when we get to the parable of this lost son, the listeners fully expect that someone will set out to search for the lost brother and bring him home. To our surprise, no one does.
4. The elder brother in the story is there to make us long for a true elder brother, one who, if we go astray, won't hold it against us but seek us and bring us back at any risk and any cost to himself.
5. Think of the kind of brother we need. We need one who does not just go to the next country to find us but who will come all the way from heaven to earth. We need one who is willing to pay not just a finite amount of money, but, at the infinite cost of his own life to bring us into God's family, for our debt is so much greater... The point of the parable is that forgiveness always involves a price - someone has to pay... Our true elder brother paid our debt, on the cross, in our place.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 4/2

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
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 4/3

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 4/4

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

Wednesday 4/5

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
6:15 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
7:00 p.m. Library Group
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 4/6

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

Friday 4/7

6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Saturday 4/8

3:00 p.m. Spring Festival

Information for the April 16th 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, Parker Bjornson, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Kevin Chin, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Dorothy Curtis, Bunny Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Lila Glenn, David Goff, 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, Sherry Wolfe, 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, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, 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.

**2017
SPRING FUNDRAISER**

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017
TIME: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL
FELLOWSHIP HALL

**CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE!
FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
THE PRESCHOOL AT 817-274-4051**

SAVE THE DATE!!





Time to Order Easter Lilies!

If you would like to place a lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, fill out a form and mail to the church office. Forms are located in the narthex, outside the Chapel and in the church office.

You may place the form in the offering plate during Sunday worship or mail it to Kim Lewis.

Cost is \$9.00 per Lily (per dedication). The deadline for orders is Monday, April 10th.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

PASSION SUNDAY CHORAL SERVICE
Featuring musical settings by Mendelssohn:
Psalm 95 and Psalm 13

April 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY

SERVICES

8:30 in the Chapel

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

BREAKFAST

Served from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Saints Alive

The TAG Players from Theatre Arlington will be entertaining us at Saints Alive when we meet on Thursday, April 20th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Come and join us for a fun afternoon, just bring along a dish to share. Call Bev Koch (817-261-3202), if you have any questions.

Spring Festival

Saturday, April 8th at 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Petting Zoo from Down on the Farm
Egg Hunt divided into 3 age groups will start at 3:50 p.m.

Please invite your friends and neighbors.

FPCA Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Monday, April 17, 2017 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

At the home of Sandy Thomlinson, 2917 Duff Dr., Arlington 76013

Chapter 7 led by Helen Moulton

Dinner by Isobel Peden and Judy Reck

Please RSVP to Sandy (skt1943@aol.com) as she needs a count.

Please carpool if possible

2017 Youth Ministry T-Shirt Fundraiser

Please consider helping our youth make it to camp this summer with the purchase of our new church t-shirts. The youth department has put together a t-shirt fundraiser to help them pay for camp this year.

T-Shirts are \$20 or any donation is welcome. Please place your order by April 22, 2017. You can order your t-shirt online at <https://goodink.com/thewellfpca> or stop by the church office and place your order with Adrian Rodriguez.

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at 817-274-8286 or adrian@firstprestexas.org if you have any questions.

