# April 30, 2017 First Presbyterian Church The Third Sunday of Easter Confirmation and Senior Sunday



# 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: Eric Gottmann 11:00 Lay Leaders: FPCA Youth **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.

see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.
Prelude Jesus Christ is Risen Today Paul Manz
Call to Worship Isaac Clark
I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Let us worship God!

Community Joys and Events

Introit	We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise For	
§ Hymn 232	Jesus Christ is Risen Today	Easter Hymn
Our love has become Possessions are me Sometimes we get t Forgive us, Holy One Make us instrume	silently, then said together) disordered: We quarrel and divide. eant to be used, and people are meant to be loved. those things reversed, which leads to sin. e: Change our hearts and minds. nts of your love. nts of your peace through our savoir, Jesus Christ. Ame	n.
§ Assurance of Pardon Friends, believe the g	good news of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgive	n!
•	er, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. nning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. An	Meineke nen.
§ Passing the Peace	Greet those around you with, "The peace of Christ be	with you."
§ Hymn 626	As the Deer	As the Deer

Preparation for Worship

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Fred and Sandra Cook in memory of Lee Ann Kouns.

Augustine of Hippo

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to

Gathering

Confirmation

\$ Affirmation of Faith The Apostles	s' 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.	

### Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, teach us what we need to know, and show us what we need to do to be faithful to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6 (N. T. page 180)	Caroline Vanderberg
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 10:1–12 (N. T. page 71)	Carolanne Schwenk

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The Sermon	You Are a Letter of Christ	Rev. McDermott

### Responding

Testimony (11:00)

Recognition of Seniors (11:00)

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.

Call to Offering		Mataio Irving
Offertory (8:30)	Toccata on Llanfair	Dennis Janzer
(11:00)	Every Valley	John Ness Beck
	Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low, and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.	
And	the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. Isaiah 40:4–5	
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§ The Doxology

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Caroline Vanderberg

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## Sending

§ Hymn 839	Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine	Assurance
§ Charge and Benediction		the congregation joins hands
§ Postlude	Alleluias	Robert Lau
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## **Comments for Contemplation**

You Are a Letter of Christ 2 Corinthians 2:14–3:6, Luke 10:1–12

- Literacy is a key component to the development of nations, and in the last two centuries, teaching people to read has been a high priority for a number of Christian missions throughout the world. Part of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ for Christians to teach literacy is the opportunity to read the Bible.
- 2. It is hard for us to comprehend, but about 75% of the English Bible in our pews this morning, and a large percentage of whatever Bible you may own, has a strong connection to Tyndale's English translation, a translation for which he \_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to get to us.
- 3. Friends: you are a letter of Christ, and as scary as it sounds, you may be the only Bible that some people ever read. Think about that. You may be the only Bible that some people, maybe many people, will ever take the time to read. That is an amazing \_\_\_\_\_\_ that God has given us.
- 4. Not many people come to Christ simply by being told that they can't get drunk, they can't drive too fast, or they can't cheat on their girlfriend or boyfriend. That's the letter, the rule, the law. It's a necessary fact of life. But the Spirit behind those rules can give life, the Holy Spirit who inspires love and \_\_\_\_\_\_ for others and for ourselves.
- 5. Paul uses the image of a triumphal procession of a conquering hero in Roman times, when they used pleasant smelling incense that spread everywhere among the crowd, that reminds him of the altar of incense in the Jewish temple, when they believed that the smells were pleasing to the Lord, the God of Israel. He says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the \_\_\_\_\_\_ that comes from knowing him."
- 6. Friends: We are to be letters of Christ written with the Spirit of the living God on \_\_\_\_\_\_ of human hearts. What kind of letter of Christ are you?

### **Prayer Ministry**

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

1:30 p.m.Children's Music Ministries 2:00 p.m.Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Dorothy Curtis Winston 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, Pat May, 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 an Connie Taylor, Kyle Terwilliger, BJ Thomas, Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Donna Vickers, Jessica Villarreal, Sherry Wolfe, Mary Jane WrightThursday 5/4 Friday 5/56:30 p.m.HOPE Tutoring Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.Prayers for family serving in the armed forces: Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Manci, Jack Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace	a 1			1 rayers jor mose with health and other concerns.
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kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday. please contact Juanice Young at juanicey@gmail.com or 817-794-5626.				

#### **Financial Peace University**

If you have never taken the popular Financial Peace University 9-week course led by the internationally recognized Dave Ramsey, then NOW is the time to sign up! Our new members, James and Katina Gifford, are offering their leadership to this great course which will begin on Monday, June 5th at 6:00 PM here at FPCA. The cost per family is only \$99 and this gives you a lifetime membership in Financial Peace University. Check how to register for the class at http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1040877.

You will be hearing more about this great opportunity, but mark your calendar for Monday evenings starting on June 5th, and find out how to get your financial house in order using solidly biblical principles. Childcare will be provided. For more information, contact Katina Gifford at katinap84@aol.com or call 817-565-3835.

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### **Confirmation & Senior Sunday Celebration**

Today at the 11a.m. service as we celebrate our 2017 youth senior class and the confirmation of Peyton Quinn. We look forward to celebrating with them and praying for the journey ahead. There will be a reception immediately after the 11a.m. service and everyone is invited to attend.

## The 4-Week New Members Class Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

begins <u>today</u> at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214

Week One: **"Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"** —This is a chance to share our journeys of faith with one another, and learn about one another.

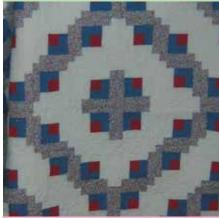
Week Two: **"On Being a Christian in a Post-modern World"** —What it means to be a Christian and why it is so vitally important in today's world.

#### Week Three: "Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian"

-This will help us understand the blessings and issues of our particular tradition in the family of faith.

# Week Four: "On Being Sent: Relational Ministry, Missional Discipleship and Incarnational Witness"

-A chance to learn about gifts, equipping, ministry and mission.



## Quilt Raffle

Allena Coburn has made a lovely full-size quilt from fabric donated to the FPCA Happy Quilters. The Quilters are now selling raffle tickets for \$1 each, and the drawing for the quilt will take place at the all-church picnic on June 4.

The raffle money will be added to the Charlie Sheldon Parlor Update Fund and will be used to improve the appearance of our parlor.

Raffle tickets will be available in the Red Hall before the 11:00 service on Sundays through June 4. Contact Sandy Thomlinson, skt1943@aol.com or 817-522-2080, with questions.

# 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.

## Women's Bible Study

Monday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Chapter 7 led by Rev Betsy Pense Potluck dinner After the May meeting, Class will resume in September

# **Preschool Spring Program**

Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

# 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.