

July 9, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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: Nelson Abam

11:00 Lay Leader: Jim C Quick

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.

The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Barbara Hughes in memory of Nadine Freeman.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

(Rev. 11:15) — Elizabeth Achtemeier

God rules the ways of nations—that is the affirmation of Obadiah. Nations are expected to fulfill their covenant relations. Their injustice is punished; their evil deeds are returned upon their own heads. God protects and saves those who are elected to serve God’s purpose for all peoples. And the Lord God works such things steadfastly and irresistibly toward a future when all the kingdoms “of the world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.”

Prelude

Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus

John Leavitt

Introit (11:00)

Sing Out My Soul

Taizé Community

Call to Worship

from Lamentations 3

Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord.

Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to our Lord God in heaven.

Let us worship God!

§ Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

O Lord, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometime we can only see our own point of view.

We rarely venture outside our comfort zones. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us.

Open us to new possibilities of life for all your people and use us to enact the new life in Christ. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

GREATOR EX

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 758

Why Do Nations Rage Together

EBENEZER

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:1-14

New Testament page 26

Anthem (8:30)

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Emily Tettleton, alto Cheryl Harris, piano

(11:00)

Higher Ground

Johnson Oatman, Jr.

African Praise Choir

*I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."*

*Lord, lift me up, and let me stand by faith on Canaan's tableland;
A higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

*My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound, my prayer, my aim, is higher ground.*

*I want to live above the world, though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on higher ground.*

*I want to scale the utmost height and catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till rest I've found, "Lord, lead me on to higher ground."*

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

Obadiah 1-2, 10-15, 21

Old Testament page 858

The Sermon

Obadiah: Against All the Nations

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

Nation Will Rise Against Nation

Antonio Martín y Coll

§ The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

§ Affirmation of Faith

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know all things work
together for good for those who love God, who are called to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things
to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to
separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

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| \$ Hymn 418 | Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling | SOFTLY AND TENDERLY |
| \$ Charge and Benediction | | the congregation joins hands |
| \$ Postlude | Trumpet Tune on an Old Dutch Melody | Linton Powell |



Comments for Contemplation

Obadiah: Against All the Nations Matthew 24:1–14; Obadiah 1–2, 10–15, 21

1. “A God of love and compassion, he cares about all of his creatures, especially human beings created ‘in his own image,’ and he asks us to do the same. Every person on earth has inherent human dignity. Following that God, the Jews gave us a pattern for the great liberation movements of modern history, and for just laws to protect the weak and minorities and the _____.” (Philip Yancey)
2. Apart from the Old Testament our understanding of God is at best incomplete, and at worst simply wrong. The prophets call us back to an understanding that it is the Lord God who judges all the nations, including the Jewish nation and including our own, and that it is God’s kingdom and God’s justice that will always _____ in the end.
3. So these two nations were related by blood, according to tradition. But as the people fled from Judah into Edom, they discovered a people who cared nothing for the historic ties of their ancestors, but a people who were prepared to act more like their _____, the Babylonians.
4. That is to say that all nations, including our own, will be judged according to the standards that are set not by us, but by the Lord. We will be held accountable for our treatment of one another, for our treatment of refugees, for our behavior in the midst of peace and our behavior in the midst of war. And so will all other _____.
5. Second, because there is a divine standard, a prophetic voice will speak against sin and injustice wherever it is found. It is always dangerous to compare ourselves to others, because there will always be people who are worse, and people who are better. We cannot justify ourselves in that way or any way. We are only justified by God’s _____.
6. Third, it is always the Lord and his kingdom that will eventually triumph, and all nations will know it. Verse 21 says, “Those who have been saved shall go up to Mount Zion to rule Mount Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord’s.” The kingdom shall not be Israel’s or Judah’s but the _____.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 7/9

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
1:30 p.m. Family on Mission Study
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 7/10

Youth - Fun in the Son
8:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

Tuesday 7/11

Youth - Fun in the Son
8:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 7/12

Youth - Fun in the Son
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
6:00 p.m. Family on Mission Study

Thursday 7/13

Youth - Fun in the Son
8:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp

Friday 7/14

Youth - Fun in the Son
8:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class

Saturday 7/15

NEWS Submission Date

Information for the July 23rd 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, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Joshua Felton, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Lila Glenn, David Goff, A. Jack Gray, Dick Haney, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Elizabeth Harris, Bill Hayden, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes, Doyle Malone, Pat May, Jim McCoy, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Kelly Miller, Mary Ellen Miller, Pat Mingle, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Cosme Pacot, Dr. Darwin Peek, 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, Karl Winter, Sherry Wolfe, Bernice Woods, 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.

For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at juanicey@gmail.com or 817-794-5626.

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Call for Silent Auction Items!

Please help the Mission and Evangelism team raise funds by contributing to our silent auction. The auction will take place at our Italian Dinner on July 29 from 5-8 p.m. Auction items can be received by July 23 and brought to the church to be prepared by the M&E team. Some examples could be gift cards, or services to be performed, or a donation from a business. Call 817-451-8586 or email Sheri Quick with questions sheriq@aol.com.

M&E FunRai\$er – Italian Dinner, July 29, 5-8 PM

M & E (Your Mission & Evangelism Team) is having an Eyetalian Dinnah (TexMex pronunciation) on Saturday, July 29, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We are having a 5 Star chef cater this meal. Vito, of Vito's restaurant, will be creating a sumptuous repast to overwhelm your gastronomic senses.

We have limited seating, only the first 200 can be seated. You can purchase tickets outside the Chapel and in the Narthex.

Tickets will be on sale for the ridiculously low price of \$10 for adults (or kids eating Italian food) and \$2 for kids. The kids will have the one option of hot dogs, drinks and a movie elsewhere in the building.

Think of that, a certified baby/youth sitter for \$2. You and your wife can escape the kids for 2-1/2 hours for less than \$1 per hour per kid. Your M&E team is great, ain't it.

If you want to escape your significant other for 2 hours, your spouse could attend the movie.

Of course, if you leave your spouse to watch the movie, it might cost you a bundle, since there will be a silent auction with items to rival the Neiman-Marcus Christmas book.

For dessert, we will have a bake sale with lots of scrumptious items prepared by members of the congregation. Finally, we will have entertainment in the Fellowship Hall while you enjoy your dinner and bake sale items.

All the money raised through this event will be used to support mission and evangelism activities such as helping to prepare backpacks of school supplies for Carter students, other Carter needs, supporting fix-it projects for people needing assistance, local mission activities, supporting missionaries abroad, and other requests for support that arise during the year.

More news to follow in upcoming weeks about this extravaganza.

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Senior Exercise Class

Come get fit with us! A Senior exercise class will meet in the Parlor on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. There is no charge, but participants will be responsible for purchasing and storing their own exercise equipment. If interested, contact Thomas Dombrowsky at 817-287-9773 or tomasdom@sbcglobal.net.

Family on Mission Summer Study

Our summer study on Family on Mission continues this week. You are invited to come on Sundays from 1:30-3:00 or Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30. Books cost \$16 and we will meet in the parlor. Contact the office or one of the pastors for more information.

Presbyterian Children's Homes Lunch & Texas Rangers Game

Sunday, August 13, we'll have youth, staff and foster families from PCHAS at Sunday School, worship and lunch for our 32nd Annual Ranger Outing. Everyone is invited to have lunch with our guests and if you want to see the 2 PM game with the Astros, we've got seats in the shade (Sec 335, Rows 9-17) - tickets are \$25 each. For tickets, contact Bob Dawson at 214-415-5396 or Lew Johnson at 817-860-6327.

