

July 23, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Seventh 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: David Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Samuel Terwilliger

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 Robert Schrickel in memory of Grandparents:
Bill and Martha Hughes.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

The truth of the gospel is that what God requires, God also provides. God requires ultimate love and obedience. God provides Christ, who on our behalf has perfected our faith forever. God requires that we love our neighbor as ourselves. God provides Christ, who as high priest always lives to make intercession on our behalf. In God we truly live, move, and have our being, thanks to Christ's perfect sacrifice for us.

Prelude

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C.S. Lang

Introit (11:00)

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Jim Strathdees

Call to Worship

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on High?

Shall I come with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

God shows you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 375

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

§ Responsive Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

O God, give us understanding, that we may keep your law and observe it with our whole heart.

God, have mercy upon us, for we do not obey you.

Lead us in the path of your commandments, for we delight in it.

Christ, have mercy upon us, since we take no delight in serving our neighbor.

Turn our eyes from looking at vanities; and give us life in your ways.

God, have mercy upon us, because we are selfish and prone to evil.

Behold, we long for your precepts; in your righteousness give us life!

Christ, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sin, and by your grace may we walk in new life.

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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:28–34

New Testament page 49

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (8:30)

Surely, the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place
Jane Leathem, soprano Bob Watkins, bass

Lanny Wolfe

(11:00)

This Is My Father's World

arr. Mack Wilberg

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees;
of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King let the heavens ring! God reigns let the earth be glad.*

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Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1–8

Old Testament page 866

The Sermon

Micah: What Does the Lord Require?

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

This Is My Father's World

Jerry Westenkuehler

§ 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.**

**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 697

Take My Life

HENDON

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

With All Your Heart and All Your Soul

Lynn Arthur Koch



Comments for Contemplation

Micah: What Does the Lord Require? Mark 12:28–34; Micah 6:1–8

1. Then, in 1789 we prayerfully decided to fashion a Constitution with a representative government that separated the limited powers entrusted to it, believing that vesting too much power in any person or single branch of government would fall prey to the sinful nature of human beings and be _____. Is there anyone here who doubts that this is what happens?
2. They love the Lord, they love their families, and love those who are in need in this country and all over the world. They are busy caring for a sick person, an aging parent or a hurting spouse, or a crying baby. They are busy feeding the poor, raising children, _____ children, visiting the elderly, or writing thank you notes to others who are serving.
3. Micah reminds us that it matters not how many times a political leader is re-elected, nor how powerful a religious leader may be, nor how wealthy a business person is. If they publish lies as truth and sell the poor for a song then they are _____ by any other name, and the judgment of the Lord will be upon them.
4. But as we know, the Lord our God is interested not in how we perform on the stage, but in who we are and what we do when the lights go down. The Lord looks not on the outward appearance, but looks upon the heart or the very seat of the will, out of which our actions come. Micah knows that it is only out of a sincere _____ in God, that we may humbly walk with the Lord and live with justice and mercy in our lives.
5. It was a simple but profound summary of the legal, ethical and covenantal requirements of a person of faith. It sounds on one level, quite simple. It is, on another level very difficult and very costly, and it comes home to us when we try to think of those who actually live out all three of these _____.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 7/23

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 7/24

8:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class
6:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University

Tuesday 7/25

8:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 7/26

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
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 7/27

8:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
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Friday 7/28

8:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class

Saturday 7/29

5:00 p.m.	M & E Fundraiser Dinner
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Information for the August 6th 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, Laura Duffney, 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, Patrick Jaikaran, 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.

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.

An opportunity—

To be the first smiling face a visitor to our church office sees.

To get to know and appreciate our staff members.

To add to your knowledge of office skills.

If this seems interesting to you, please think about volunteering to serve as a front desk volunteer in the church office. Please contact Lona Watkins at wboblo@aol.com or 817-460-1372.

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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.

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

M & E (Your Mission & Evangelism Team) is having an Italian dinner on Saturday, July 29 from 5 pm to 8 pm. We will be having a yummy bake sale where you may purchase your dessert. It would be helpful if you label your baked items, especially if there are any nuts in them. If you have questions on the bake sale, please contact Bev Koch at 817-261-3202. In addition, we will have a silent auction. While the adults are enjoying this fun evening, we will host your children for dinner (hot dogs and chips) with a movie (Homeward Bound: An Incredible Journey).

Tickets are on sale outside of the Chapel after the early service, and before & after second service 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.

Please come and enjoy the evening!! All funds raised 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.

We hope to see you there!!

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.

Preschool Art Show

The Preschool is having an art show Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28. Everyone is welcome to stop by and see how creative FPPS children are!

Enroll For Fall 2017 - 2018

First Presbyterian Preschool Of Arlington

Open 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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First day of school is August 14, 2017

Serving Children Six Weeks to Pre-K

Box Tops for Education

FPCA is beginning a church-wide collection of Box Tops for Education to benefit Carter Junior High and Blanton Elementary. These labels can be found on the tops and sides of various General Mills packages. Each label is worth 10-cents for K-8 schools. You can turn them into the orange "Box Tops" shoeboxes located in the church office and in the Fellowship Hall entrance hallway. Thanks for taking the time to save these labels to benefit our local schools!

