

July 30, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Eighth 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: Jonathan Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: George Morey

The Worship of God

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Augustine of Hippo

Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds rest in thee.

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Michael Praetorius

Introit (11:00)

Sing Out, My Soul

Taizé Community

Call to Worship

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid.

For the Lord God is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

With joy I give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.

We will sing you our praises, O God, for you have done glorious things.

Let us worship God!

§ Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Source of salvation, what do we do? Our lives are unworthy of the goodness you offer.

We complain of our condition when our wants go unnoticed. Contentment eludes us, since when we have plenty, we still yearn for more. Millions face hunger, while we fret over abundance.

Through Christ, forgive us, yet grant us no peace until we truly learn to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. 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 623

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Nahum 1:1-3a, 12-2:2

Old Testament page 868

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Voluntary (8:30)

Legende Pastorale
Suzie Rockett, oboe

Godard

Anthem (11:00)

The Gift of Love

arr. Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

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Scripture Reading

Zephaniah 3:1–5, 8–15

Old Testament page 876

The Sermon

Nahum & Zephaniah: A Chance for Reformation

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

Offertory in A Major

Alexandre Guilmant

§ 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

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from
God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the
power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our
sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he
rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the
Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the
Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Gottfried Walther



Comments for Contemplation

Nahum & Zephaniah: A Chance for Reformation

Nahum 1:1–3a, 12–2:2; Zephaniah 3:1–5, 8–15

1. Josiah also realized that unless some serious reforms were made, and unless people genuinely repented and gave themselves anew to the Lord, that the judgment of the Lord of history awaited them. And so King Josiah began to call all the priests and prophets and the people of Judah together to stand before the house of the Lord and he read to them the words of the book of the _____ which they had found.
2. “Before [Josiah] there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him” (-2 Kgs 23:25). After the reforms of Josiah, Judah began to experience a period of expansion and prosperity, and hope. It looked to a time of a renewed and united kingdom, much like when _____ was king. It was unfortunately, tragically brief.
3. And Nahum gives the note of hope, that “the Lord is restoring the majesty of Jacob, as well as the majesty of Israel, though ravages have ravaged them and ruined their branches” (Nah. 2:2). The sack of the city of Nineveh is a sign that God is leveling the score, and that the punishment that the Assyrians have given out will now come back upon them, with _____ from the Hebrew people as well as many others.
4. But are lives being changed for Christ? Is our community and is our world being served by our church? Are we getting outside the walls of our church and the borders of our country to share Christ with a needy world? And does our worship reflect those priorities, both in the way we welcome people and in the way we open our hearts to God and to his _____ on our lives?
5. Christians believe that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, not a way, a truth and a life. It is Jesus Christ who teaches us to respect other religions and faiths without doing them the disservice of saying that we all believe the same things. We don't, and we should be honest about why we respect people and their backgrounds, but that not all ideas about God and truth are _____ good and true.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 7/30

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 7/31

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

Tuesday 8/1

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

Wednesday 8/2

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 8/3

8:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
6:30 p.m.	Facilities Team Meeting

Friday 8/4

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

Information for the August 13th 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, 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, Sylvia Walker, 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 Manci, 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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First day of school is August 14, 2017

Serving Children Six Weeks to Pre-K

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.

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 receptionist in the church office.

Please contact Lona Watkins at wboblo@aol.com or 817-460-1372.

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!



The 4-Week New Members Class

"Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community"

Begins Sunday, August 27 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown hall

Week One: "Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"

Week Two: "On Being a Christian in a Postmodern World"

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

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

Senior Exercise Class

Come get fit with us! A Senior exercise class meets 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.