

October 1, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Seventeenth 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: Kathi Dailey

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 David and Isobel Peden in honor
of their 36th wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Acts 4:11

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.

Prelude

In Christ There Is No East or West

Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship

Many times in our lives we have felt lost, alone, abandoned.

Yet there is One who will never leave our side. We can depend upon God's loving presence to heal our brokenness.

It is the grace of God alone that has brought us through and will continue to be with us all our lives.

Our lips shall sing and shout forth our praise of God.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Lord God, it is true that we grumble too much. We know others also have problems, yet we are so wrapped up in our own that we can be slow to help them. For this and all our sins we ask forgiveness.

Yet, in spite of all our shortcomings, you continue to shower us with your steadfast love. You are slow to get angry and rush to share your grace with us. Help us to live in the way of justice, hope, and peace shown to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 555

O Lamb of God

LAND OF REST

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:1–12

New Testament page 120

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

Colossians 1:15–20

New Testament page 200

The Sermon

Solus Christus: In Christ Alone

Rev. McDermott

The Table

Offertory (8:30) Improvisation on Ebenezer, "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Joshua Lang

(11:00)

Sometimes a Light Surprises

C. L. Bass

*Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;
when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.*

*In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation and find it ever new;
set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."*

*It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too;
beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.*

*Though vine nor fig tree neither their longed-for fruit should bear,
though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there,
yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice;
for while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.*

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, broken for you," and, "the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh: Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Postlude in D Major

Healey Willan



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

Musical notation for 'The Lord's Prayer' in 3/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

THANK YOU...



W O R S H I P

Thank you for your generous support of the Music ministry at FPCA. Your faithfulness in giving has enabled our congregation to minister through music with ensembles and events that glorify God as well as proclaim and teach the gospel. Your giving of time and talents enables our usher and greeter teams.

Your giving supports worship events like the Advent Festival, Christmas Eve services, Holy Week and Easter services, ensembles such as the Chancel Choir, Ring of Praise Handbell Choir, and Children's Music Ministries, and the African Praise Choir in our services, the Agape Youth Choir taking Carter JH students to the YouthCUE choir festival in Waco, and the Internship in Church Music Ministry for college students.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

Colossians 3:16





WORSHIP

*All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you,
O Lord, and shall glorify your name. (Psalm 86:9)*



Belize Team Now!

The 365 Fundraising Project for our 2018 trip to Belize has been wonderful! Thank you to all who have supported this mission work of our church. Now it gets personal. It is time to pray and ask God to help you discern if He is calling you to be a part of the "hands on" Belize Mission Team. You can be a part of the "home" team that helps with tasks here in Arlington either for our Christmas gifts for the girls or planning for the trip next March. Or God may be calling you to be part of the "go" team that leaves DFW on Sunday, March 11, 2018 and returns Sunday, March 18, 2018. Even if you are not quite sure, please come to our initial planning meeting on October 1, 2017, after the 11 AM service. We will have a short introduction meeting in the church library at that time. Pray and feel God's desires in your heart.

Legacy Grandparenting Summit

Thursday-Saturday, November 2-4, 2017
Rockwall, TX

The Legacy Grandparenting Summit is a national conference for today's Christian grandparents who want to be inspired and equipped to pass their faith on to their grandchildren. Early-bird and group discounts are available until November 1. We are taking a group to the Grandparenting Summit. If you're interested, contact the church office or Pastor Rich at 817-274-8286.

Check out the website at: summit.legacycoalition.com

Kids Beach Club

If you are interested in helping out with Kids Beach Club at Blanton Elementary, please contact Kyle at kyle@firstprestexas.org or call 817-274-8286.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Arlington's Walk to End Alzheimer's is right around the corner. The First Presbyterian Church (FPCA) is registered and Homer Reynolds is the team captain.

Walk Information:

Saturday, October 7

at UTA Maverick Activities Center
500 W. Nedderman, Arlington, TX

Check-in is 7:30 a.m.; Ceremony 9:00 a.m.

Walk at 9:30 a.m.

Register at alz.org/walk or
alz.org/northcentraltexas or call 800.272.3900.

Questions? Call Homer or Joan at 817-239-7240.

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Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 28

4:00 PM- 6:00 PM in the South Parking Lot

Trunk or Treat is an outreach project to encourage our local community and families to get to know FPCA. This church-wide activity provides a safe place for children and families to participate in a special shared activity. Volunteers are needed to:

Decorate car trunks and pass out treats to children, Donate candy, Paint faces of children, Assist in monitoring activities and games, Serve hot dogs and lemonade.

Please let Sheri Quick 817-451-8586 or sheriq@aol.com or Lou Arnold 817-792-3914 or ILouaa@att.net know if you can help. Candy can be donated outside Kyle's office or near office entrance.

Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team

We are accepting Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT).

You can put your selections in the nomination boxes in the Narthex, outside the Chapel, outside the Fellowship Hall, in the offering plate, bring to the church office, or you can email your nominations to: YvetteFielder@hotmail.com.

Nominations for Elders, Deacons, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT)

Name of nominee: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Elder _____ Deacon _____ Trustee _____ Congregational Nominating Team _____

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 10/1

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Youth Confirmation Class
 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Family Luncheon for
 Children's Ministries
 12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
 2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Tuesday 10/3

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Preschool Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 10/4

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
 6:15 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 10/5

6:00 p.m. The Well
 7:00 a.m. Preschool Photos
 6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Friday 10/6

7:00 a.m. Preschool Photos
 9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Saturday 10/7

7:30 a.m. Walk to End Alzheimer's at
 UTA Maverick Center

Information for the October 15 bulletin should be turned
 in to Kim at the church office by Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Yvonne Babb, Elaine Bahn, David Boice, Debbie Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Lee Carol Copeland, Brad Davis, Laura Duffney, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, David Goff, Edna Collins, Andrew Hydock, Claudia Johnson, Tim Karnes, Bob Koch, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Cosme Pacot, Jim L. Quick, Albert Ross, Kyle Terwilliger, Donna Vickers, Karl Winter, 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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