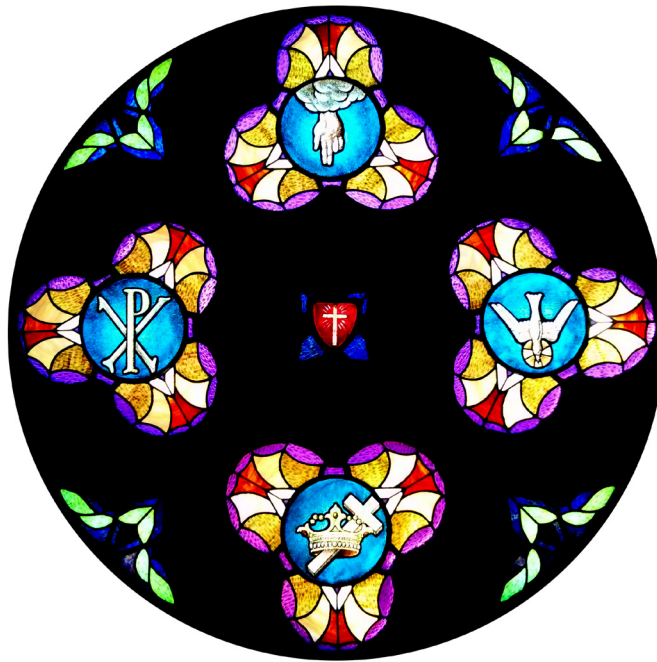


October 8, 2017

# First Presbyterian Church

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Glorify. Grow.*

***Mission Statement:***

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

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: Sue Lavender

11:00 Lay Leader: Katherine Copeland

# *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 honor of the shut-ins,  
by Lois Ankele in celebration of her 84th birthday, and  
by Patricia Mingle and Alberta MacCarthy in memory  
of Mrs. Stella Boye-Doe Dugbartey.

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

*God of hosts, at the dawning of this day, let your face shine upon me. Restore me and be my salvation. Through Jesus the Lord. Amen.*

Prelude

Rock of Ages

David H. Hegarty

Introit (11:00)

Great God of Every Blessing

David Gambrell

Call to Worship

from Psalm 68:8-9

Here we are Lord, filled with life and breath,

**Citizens in the land of the living, by your grace.**

You know our paths and the help we need

**To keep our feet firm in this time.**

Let us worship God!

§ Hymn 650

O Beauty Ever Ancient

ANCIENT BEAUTY

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill.**

**You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines,  
and kept watch over us by night and day.**

**But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired.**

**We are overgrown with violence and injustice.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Uproot our evil, prune away our sin,  
and shower upon us the gift of your grace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

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**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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Community Joys and Events

## Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

John 1:14–18

New Testament page 92

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)

O God of Mercy  
Donna Vickers, soprano

Simon Lole

(11:00)

Beautiful In His Time

Dan Forrest

*Clap your hands, O shout, all you people, praise the Lord for His victory,  
For the Lord most high is the ruler over all the land and the sea.  
God has triumphed over the nations, praise the Lord and shout joyfully,  
Praise the Lord with sound of the trumpet, O sing praise to God, shout, all people.  
God rules over all of the nations, God sits high on His holy throne.  
All the princes of all the nations bend their knees to our God alone.  
All the Earth rise up and exalt Him, praise the Lord for His victory.  
Clap your hands, O shout, all you people, come sing praise to God.*

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1–10

New Testament page 192

The Sermon

Sola Gratia: By Grace Alone

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 (8:30)

Elegy

Flor Peeters

(11:00)

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

§ 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

adapted from The Scots Confession

**Our faith and its assurance do not proceed from flesh and blood, but come to us by the  
inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We affirm that the Holy Spirit is God, equal with the  
Father and with his Son Christ Jesus, who sanctifies us and brings us into all truth by his  
own working. For by nature we cannot see light when it shines, nor give assent to God's  
will as revealed, except by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus.**

**And so, as we confess that God the Father created us when we existed not, as his Son our  
Lord Jesus redeemed us when we were enemies to him, so also do we confess that the  
Holy Spirit does sanctify and regenerate us without respect to any merit proceeding  
from us. For by ourselves we are not capable of thinking one good thought, but the  
Spirit alone, who has begun the work in us, continues it in us, to the praise and glory of  
his undeserved grace.**

## *Sending*

\$ Hymn 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

\$ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

\$ Postlude

Offertory for a Holy Day

Linton Powell



## *Comments for Contemplation*

Sola Gratia: By Grace Alone      John 1:14–18; Ephesians 2:1–10

1. It is a saying first uttered by John Bradford, an English reformer imprisoned and eventually martyred for his faith in Christ. Bradford as he watched other prisoners headed for execution said, “there, but for the grace of God, goes John Bradford.” And that saying has become more familiar in its broader context, when any one of us says, “There, but for the grace of God, go \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. When we discover and live into the truth about grace, it can have a transforming effect on our lives. It transforms us because we cease trying to impress God, and to impress our fellow Christians with our religious deeds of righteousness. Instead we begin to live into a relationship of trust with Jesus and begin to receive his \_\_\_\_\_ and grace in a new way.
3. Whether one is talking about the doctrines of other religions like re-incarnation, karma, or nirvana, grace sticks out as something that we cannot achieve but can only receive. The notion that God rescues and delivers us not because of our virtue but rather because of his sheer unmerited favor, or grace, is an idea that shocks most of the world. That is \_\_\_\_\_ what God wants it to do.
4. In one of those sermons, Calvin concludes, “May we learn so to magnify God’s grace, as it is shown to us in the Lord Jesus Christ, that we might be completely taken up with it; and may we not only do so with our lips, but place our entire trust in him. May we grow in that trust until we are gathered up into our eternal home, where we shall receive faith’s reward. May he not only grant this \_\_\_\_\_ to us, but to all peoples.”
5. Lest we think that grace is a strictly Pauline doctrine, we also read today from the prologue to John’s gospel. “And the Word became flesh and lived among us...full of grace and truth.... From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. The law indeed was given to Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” From this beginning to John’s gospel we see the utter \_\_\_\_\_ of grace in the gospel message.
6. In Christian theology, Jesus reversed that ancient pattern: when the servants erred, the King was punished. Grace is free only because the giver himself has borne the \_\_\_\_\_.



# THANK YOU

## YOUTH



I am beyond **Thankful** of the support our church family extended our way this year and in years past. Philippians 1:3-5 is what I think about when I think of you; *“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”* You see every time I remember you helped us with over **\$16,000** in personal gifts to go towards getting kids from our community to camp, I **THANK GOD FOR YOU!** When I remember the **12 additional kids** we were able to take to camp this year from last year, I **THANK GOD FOR YOU!** Lastly, when I remember the 6 kids that gave their lives to Christ at camp this year, I **THANK GOD FOR YOU!** But, please know that just like Philippians 1:3-5 says, we don't only thank you, but we always **PRAY** with joy for you.

So, in closing please know that we thank you so much for all you do to help our youth ministry. Your financial support and prayers allow us to pour into the lives of our youth. We love you and appreciate you.

Blessings in Christ,  
Adrian Rodriguez





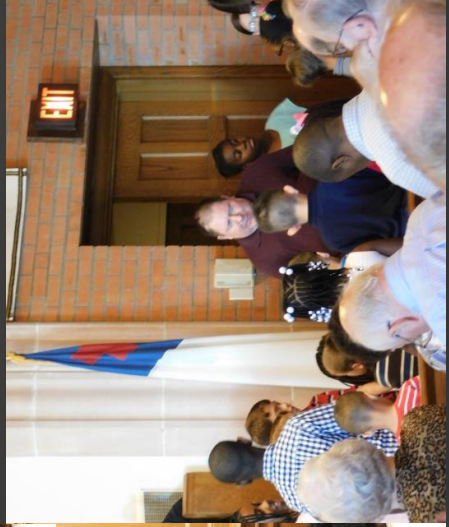


# CHILDREN



I'm not really sure where to begin. As I have struggled with my health in 2017, I have become more and more thankful for my family of brothers and sisters in Christ at FPCA. Thank you to those of you who give financially to FPCA. Thank you to those of you who pray for the children of FPCA and their families. Thank you to those of you who volunteer and give us encouragement in children's ministries. Thank you FPCA family for whatever part you play in children's ministries. As I fight back tears I say thank you to God for you. This last year we saw children make professions of faith, and gave out over 50 Bibles to children. We had Kids Beach Club at Blanton and Ellis Elementary. We had Kids Night Out, Vacation Bible School, Spring Festival, Trunk or Treat, Sunday School, KFC and Children's Time. Please forgive me if I missed something. Please know that God used you to plant seeds, bring professions of faith, help children grow in their relationship with Him, and to make a difference in the life of a child. He has used you to encourage and support me and my family with your words of encouragement and prayers. So with tears in my eyes and a huge heart of thanks, I say thank you to God for my FPCA family.

Kyle Terwilliger



## The Thanksgiving Baskets are Coming!

**October 22** is the Kick-off Sunday to sign up to bring food for Thanksgiving Baskets. First Presbyterian Church is again joining Arlington Charities in feeding those who, otherwise, may not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. The Mission and Evangelism Team set a goal of: **225 Baskets**

Please sign up outside of the Fellowship Hall, outside of the Chapel or in the Red Hall. You can sign up as an individual, a family, or a group. After you sign up please take your numbered Basket Sheet with the requested list of food items and the attached envelope for the pie crust and turkey donation.

Again this year you may bring the food items in your own grocery bags you have on hand. Please return your numbered Basket Sheet and attached envelope along with your food items to the Fellowship Hall on or before November 12. You can also help by bringing any extra food items as over 900 families are fed by Arlington Charities. These families are Arlington citizens and they are families who can't make ends meet. Each bag feeds one family so they can celebrate Thanksgiving together at home.

Thanks ~ The Mission and Evangelism Team

## 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](mailto:sheriq@aol.com) or Lou Arnold 817-792-3914 or [ILouaa@att.net](mailto:ILouaa@att.net) know if you can help. Candy can be donated outside Kyle's office or near office entrance.

## 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](http://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](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org) or call 817-274-8286.

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## 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](mailto: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 10/8

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.	Youth Camp Report Lunch
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC

Monday 10/9

Preschool Closed for Columbus Day

Tuesday 10/10

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

Wednesday 10/11

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 10/12

6:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
6:45 p.m.	Team Meeting Night

Friday 10/13

9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out

Information for the October 22 bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to [kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org) by this 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, Tommy and Kathryn Copeland and family, Brad Davis, Laura and Moses 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](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.

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