

October 15, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

The Nineteenth 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

8:30 Lay Leader: Isobel Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Maggie Johnson

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 Bill and Helen Moulton in celebration
of their wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

*Faith is a verb. It is a strong spiritual muscle. Like physical muscles, if it is not exercised,
it becomes weak. Faith needs action to work to its fullest strength.
How do we exercise faith? We read God's word; we reflect on it and are obedient;
we recognize God's presence around us; and we follow God into His work among His people.*

Prelude

Prelude from Suite #1
Dorian Banks, violist

J. S. Bach

Introit (11:00)

Faith Is the Victory

Ira Sankey

Call to Worship

In Jesus, God blessed us as never before.

In dying, Jesus destroyed our death.

In rising, He restored our life.

In gratitude, let us worship God.

§ Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Eternal and merciful God, we are sorry: for the many times we have chosen to satisfy our own
selfish desires; for the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our
share of the family tasks; for the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed
our time and concern; for the times we refused to give to others.**

We ask your forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior and 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 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 8:5–13

New Testament page 8

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (11:00)

Beautiful In His Time
Cheryl Harris, piano

Dan Forrest

*He hath made all things beautiful in His time,
And I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever.
To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.*

Scripture Reading

Romans 1:16–17

New Testament page 152

The Sermon

Sola Fide: Through Faith 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

Here's One
Dorian Banks, violist Cheryl Harris, piano

arr. William G. Still

§ 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

based on the Second Helvetic Confession

**Faith is a firm trust and a clear and steadfast consent of the mind. It is a certain understanding
of the truth of God, presented in the Scriptures and the Apostles' Creed.**

**Faith is a gift of God: a gift which God alone, by grace, gives to his elect; according to his
measure, to whom, and to the degree he wills. God does this through the Holy Spirit by the
preaching of the Gospel, study of Scripture, and steadfast prayer. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Wayne L. Wold



Comments for Contemplation

Sola Fide: Through Faith Alone Matthew 8:5–13; Romans 1:16–17

1. Faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord is what binds us in the Christian Church to one another. Jesus is the One whom we worship and praise, because he has revealed to us the one true God made known to us in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Faith in Christ is the basis for receiving the _____ and it is the glue that holds the Body of Christ, the Church, together.
2. *“If you have a true faith that Christ is your Savior, then at once you have a gracious God, for faith leads you in and opens up God’s heart and will, that you should see pure grace and overflowing love. This it is to behold God in faith that you should look upon his fatherly, friendly heart, in which there is no _____ nor ungraciousness.” [Martin Luther]*
3. We are not put right with God by buying indulgences or paying a certain amount of money, or by thinking about God when we are in the mountains or on the golf course, or by telling everyone that we are spiritual but not religious. We are not even put right with God by reading our Bible or _____ or going to worship, or by being a part of a missional community, although all of these are very good things to do for our faith.
4. They began to share with me that Christianity wasn’t about rules but about a relationship. My friends shared with me that I could know Jesus personally and that he wanted to have a relationship with me. I found this hard to believe. The King of kings and the Lord of lords wanted to have a _____ with me! Could this really be true? I had never heard of such a thing before.
5. But the centurion knows that disease is subject to the power of Jesus, and he puts his trust in Jesus to do as he has asked. Jesus is amazed and says that he has not found such faith in Israel, among God’s chosen people. He reminds his disciples that God is in the business of saving all kinds of people: even Roman centurions, and that the people who presume themselves to be _____ children of Abraham are in for a surprise.



THANK YOU...

COMMUNITY & BELIZE

Your faithfulness in giving and your sacrificial support has enabled FPCA to provide/support:

- 250 backpacks of school supplies for students at Carter Jr. High.
- Bible translation throughout the world by supporting our Wycliffe missionaries.
- Belize Mission Team to support and witness to the young girls at the YES School.
- Free tutoring to children in grades 3-8, in a safe learning environment here at FPCA.
- Safe living/support to children & families in Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.
- PCHAS students a fun outing with friends at our church luncheon and Ranger Game.
- The Arlington Life Shelter as they provide a shelter and support to help our neighbors who are homeless to integrate into society, become self-sufficient and thriving contributors to our community.
- Thanksgiving baskets given to Arlington Charities, to provide immediate assistance.
- Through volunteering which has enabled FPCA to bring Kids Beach Club to local elementary schools and thus, through interaction share the gospel to many children in Arlington in a positive and fun environment.

Thanks,
Suze





PRESCHOOL



The preschool has felt the support and love of so many and in so many ways. Many have donated time, money and talent; others attended the school fundraiser or donated auction items. Numerous members donated to our school on North TX Giving Day, while others have brought paper towel rolls, calling cards, dress-up hats, school supplies, wallpaper swatches and wonderful books. Thank you Preschool Team, for making time in your busy schedules each month to meet and for your direction.

Thank you to the anonymous donor and all the members who made our new look possible. Thank you to those who helped rake the leaves, and to those who answer and transfer calls; for Kevin and Russell's help with our Wi-Fi and computers, along with Jane and Jeanne's help with our finances and payroll. Thank you Kim, for making sure our announcements are in the bulletins and emails. Thank you Mr. Israel, for cleaning up our messes! Thank you Josh for the tree trim and for keeping the ants away! Thank you Hospitality Team for remembering my birthday! And thank you to the quilting ladies who liven up the hallway on Wednesdays and for sharing their room when it's picture day. As you can see, it truly does take a village and we are so happy to have your support. Your gifts have made such a positive impact on our school and the future of so many lives.

Thank you!



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.

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

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Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out will be Friday, October 27, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will have pizza, games and activities. Come have fun with friends and make some new friends. It is also a great time to invite your friends.

Saints Alive

Come join us for Saints Alive on Thursday, October 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet on Monday, October 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the church Parlor.

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 10/15	NEWS Submission Date
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
12:15 p.m.	CMM Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC
Monday 10/16	
6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 10/17	
9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Wednesday 10/18	
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 10/19	
11:30 a.m.	Saints Alive
6:00 p.m.	The Well
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Friday 10/20	
9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
Saturday 10/21	
8:30 a.m.	All-Church Workday

Information for the October 29 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:

Yvonne Babb, Elaine Bahn, David Boice, Debbie Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Tommy and Kathryn Copeland and family, Brad Davis, Laura and Moses Duffney, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, David Goff, Jack Gray, 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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