

October 29, 2017

First Presbyterian Church

Reformation Sunday



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

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: David Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Matt Annen

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
Ed Ayers in celebration of Tina Hanson's birthday,
by Peter and Clara Formusoh in loving memory of
Jacob and Emelia Formusoh.

The choir anthem is dedicated to Judy Poindexter
by Craig Poindexter in honor of her 85th birthday.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Martin Luther

*Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace,
so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.*

Prelude

Ballo del Granduca

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Introit (11:00)

Praise We Sing to Christ the Lord

Sethus Calvisius

Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands.**

Let us worship God!

§ Hymn 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Holy God, your grace is endless and your love is steadfast. You seek relationship with all your children, but we must confess that we resist relationship with one another. We allow divisions of race and class to hold us back. We invite distinctions of nationality and religion to keep us apart. We accept differences of gender and age without seeing people for who they truly are.

Forgive us, Loving One. As you are the supreme, teach us to resist human supremacy.

Feed us on the faith and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Amen.

§ Litany of Assurance

Martin Luther

The life into which we are redeemed does not mean to be good, but to become good;

Not to be well, but to get well;

Not being, but becoming;

Not rest, but training.

We are not yet, but shall be;

It has not yet happened, but it is the way.

Not everything shines and sparkles as yet, but everything is getting better.

We are saved by grace through faith.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!

§ 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 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Prayer of Illumination

Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love.

Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own, and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:11–16

New Testament page 4

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)

O Worship the King
Ryan Farnell, piano

arr. George Bermont

Anthem (11:00)

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Russell Farnell

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul He fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!*

*What God’s almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye never sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of His might, lo, all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing;
As with a mother’s tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud His praises,
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises;
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!*

*Let all who name Christ’s holy name give God all praise and glory;
Let all who know His power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory! Sing praise!*

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:23–11:1

New Testament page 172

The Sermon

Soli Deo Gloria: To the Glory of God 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

In Dir Ist Freude

Johann Sebastian Bach

§ 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

from Philippians 2:5–11

**In our relationships with one another, let us have the same mind-set as Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his
own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being
made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in F Minor BWV 534

Johann Sebastian Bach

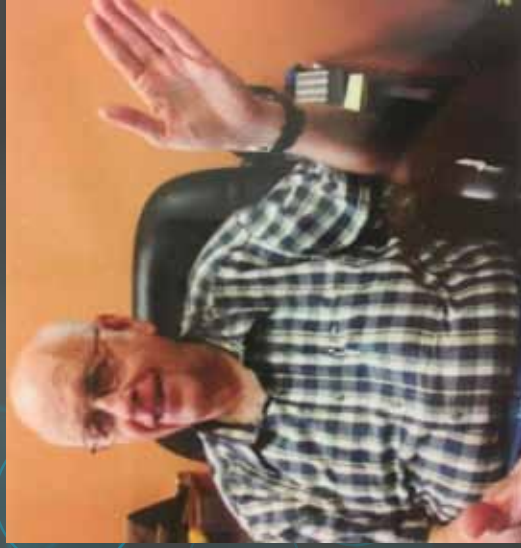




THANK YOU... FACILITIES

First, thanks for your wonderful giving to the church as we are able to maintain the facilities which includes paying for electric, gas and water. As the Church grows and adds more programs the cost for those utilities will also increase and we are very thankful for your financial support for just the basics. In addition, thanks to your financial support we were able to repair the church's HVAC and replaced a couple wall heating and AC units in the Preschool/Fellowship Hall area. Going forward we have some serious roof repairs that need to be addressed and we hope we are prepared to anticipate any other repair issues that arise in our maturing building.

We thank God for your financial support and prayers as we strive to maintain the facilities so that everyone can benefit from worship and our various programs.





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2017: 500 YEARS — OF — REFORMATION

Reformation Sunday

On this Reformation Sunday, and the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, we give thanks to God for the courage and faith of the early Reformers: John Hus, Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, William Farel, John Knox, Martin Bucer, Heinrich Bullinger and many others. As we complete our sermon series on “The Five Solas – Watchwords of the Reformation,” we pray that each person of our congregation will come to experience the free gift of God’s love and grace, available through our faith in Jesus Christ and his finished work at the cross, made known to us by the Lord through the authority of God’s Word in Scripture. “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” (2 Cor. 9:15).

Thanksgiving Baskets!

It’s time 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

Return of the Night of a Hundred Dust Cloths

Company’s coming! And it’s time to dust and polish the pews in the sanctuary.

Come help prepare for the presbytery meeting on November 16. No special skills are needed – just bring a dust cloth (or two or three) and your favorite spray polish.

- ☐ **Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.**
- ☐ **Babysitting available**

Many hands make light work and a short evening. Let’s make it shine!

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Come to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.

The meat and dessert will be provided by the Fellowship Team.

If your last name starts with:
A-G Potatoes or dressing
H-O Vegetables
P-Z Salads

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This week @ FPCA

Sunday 10/29

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 10/30

3:30 p.m.	Blanton Kids Beach Club
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Tuesday 10/31

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

Wednesday 11/1

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 11/2

6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
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Friday 11/3

9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
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Information for the November 12 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, Elaine Bahn, David Boice, Debbie Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Tommy and Kathryn Copeland and family, Laura and Moses Duffney, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, David Goff, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Georgia and Jim Irons, Claudia Johnson, Tim Karnes, Bob Koch, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, 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.

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