November 19, 2017 **First Presbyterian Church** The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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. Chris Campbell 8:30 Lay Leader: Isobel Peden 11:00 Lay Leader: Juan Carlos Gavalda **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.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship God gave you talents for a reason. Your talents are God's gift to you. What you do with your talents is your gift back to God. Use them or lose them! Are you using your talents to glorify God?

Prelude	Chorale Prelude on "Come Down O Love Divine"	Richard Popplewell	
Introit (11:00)	We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise	Russell Farnell	
Call to Worship O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise. Let us worship God!			
§ Hymn 336	We Gather Together	Kremser	
 § Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together) Gracious God, You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive us and help us to live and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our 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 716	God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending	BEACH SPRING	
Community Joys and Events			

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading	1 Peter 4:7–11 New Testament page		
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)	In Christ Alone Jane Leathem, soprano		
(11:00)	Alleluia	Randall Thompson	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:14–30	New Testament page 28	
The Sermon	Talent: Something To Be Shared	Rev. Campbell	

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)	We Gather Together	Franklin Ritter
(11:00)	O Worship the King Ryan Farnell, piano	arr. George Bermont

§ 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 643	Now Thank We All Our God	Nun Danket Alle Gott
§ Charge and Benediction		the congregation joins hands
§ Postlude	Nun Danket Alle Gott	Stanley Vann

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Sermon Notes

Talent: Something To Be Shared

1 Peter 4:7-11; Matthew 25:14-30

This week @ FPCA

Prayer Ministry

Sunday 11/19			Prayers for those with health and other concerns:
·	8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel	
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Esther Albright, Yvonne Babb, Elaine Bahn, David
	9:45 a.m.	Youth Confirmation Class	Boice, Debbie Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary	Bridges, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Tommy
	2:00 p.m.	PCGRC	and Kathryn Copeland and family, Laura and
	6:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner	Moses Duffney, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Lila
Monday 11/20	6:00 p.m.	Preschool Closed Women's Bible Study	Glenn, David Goff, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Claudia Johnson, Tim Karnes, Bob Koch, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth
Tuesday 11/21	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	Preschool Closed Senior Flexibility Class Ladies Bible Study Ring of Praise Handbells	Moore, Cosme Pacot, Jim L. Quick, Aileigh Rodriguez, Albert Ross, Kyle Terwilliger, Donna Vickers, Karl Winter, Mary Jane Wright
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:
Wednesday 11/22		Church & Preschool Closed	Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King,
Thursday 11/23		Church & Preschool Closed	Mike Manci, Jack Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan
Friday 11/24		Church & Preschool Closed	Regalado, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace <i>Prayers for our home-bound members</i>
			Prayers for those who do not know Christ

Information for the December 3 bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.. 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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Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Come to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner today 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-0 Vegetables P-Z Salads



Festival of Tables

Join the women of FPCA for this annual Christmas event!

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Each hostess will set a unique table and serve her special dessert. The Young Jr. High choir will entertain.

Tickets on sale November 12, 19, and 26 Price: \$3 each

Where: Red hall, outside the library, and (at 9:30) outside the office

Anyone interested in serving as a hostess or co-hostess, please contact Bev Koch at 817-261-3202.

Gifts of Hope are back!

An alternative gift market that offers a creative and caring way to honor friends, family members, and colleagues by donating to a wide range of outreach organizations. "Shoppers" choose an organization and donate the amount specified and then receive a card to give as a gift to friends or family. This ministry not only supports outreach organizations, but also seeks to offer a less materialistic option for gift giving.

Gifts of Hope are available after both worship services November 26th to December 17th. If you have ideas for outreach organizations to include or if you would like to help with the program (by selling Gifts of Hope before/after worship services, etc.), email Laura.Farnell@gmail.com call or text (682) 478-5676 for more information.



Stewardship of Time, Treasure, Talent, and Trust 2018 Have we received your pledge card?

We hope you have received a letter from Pastors Rich McDermott and Chris Campbell containing a Stewardship letter, pledge card and return envelope. There are yellow pledge cards in the pews. We ask you to prayerfully consider what you can give to the Lord and his kingdom work through First Presbyterian Church of Arlington in 2018. Please return the two smaller parts of the pledge card, either in worship, or by mail, so we may know that you are committing yourself anew to the Lord's ministry at FPCA. Thank you so very much for your faithfulness to Jesus Christ and his Church!

Text Giving

For those who want an easier way to give, we have found a way to help! Giving tithes and offerings are as easy as sending a text message. You can text your gifts whenever you want to, directly from your phone. It is the quickest way to give and is faster than tying your shoes!

FPCA's Text Giving is an efficient, convenient, and incredibly secure way to donate, where the donor's information is kept safe and sound. We are happy to help you. If you have any questions, please let me know at jeanne@firstprestexas.org.

FPCA's Text Giving number is: 817-318-7013

Visit us at www.FirstPresTexas.org.

FPCA's First Annual Parable of the Talents Show

Please join us on Sunday, December 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to support our youth as they present to you "FPCA's First Annual Parable of the Talents Show."

This will be a talent show where our youth will showcase their biblical knowledge and talents. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.