

August 5, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

Eleventh 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. Rich McDermott

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Campbell

Guest Organist: Cheryl Harris

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leader: Katina Gifford

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
Steve and Cynthia Duncan in memory of
Cynthia's father Jim Duncan.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Exodus 19:5–6a

Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.

Voluntary

Darwall's Fantasia

John Dixon

Call to Worship

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called.

We cannot do this alone, so we gather as God's people.

Lead a life which reflects your calling; that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we will share the good news of the grace offered to us.

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

We gather as God's family at the table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of Life.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Lord Jesus, thank you for your amazing generosity to us. You pour out your gifts on your people, for the building up of your church, and for the redemption of the world.

We confess that many of these gifts remain unopened. We have not unwrapped them. We're afraid of what you will ask of us. So we choose to remain as children, vulnerable to selfish schemes.

Forgive us, and give us the courage to use the gifts you give to us, to open space for new skills to grow. Show us how to serve your people as you call us.

Lord, thank you for the gift of new beginnings. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

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 518

Lamb of God
Stanza 1

LAMB OF GOD

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1–6

New Testament page 193

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

Ephesians 4:7–16

New Testament 193

The Sermon

Coming to Maturity in Christ

Rev. McDermott

The Table

Offertory (8:30)

Prelude

J. S. Bach

(11:00)

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

*Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice. Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.
O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.
Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand. We are members of one family,
growing stronger, joining hands.
O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.
Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow.
Give us life, Lord, make us whole.*

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 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

\$ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

\$ Postlude

Hornpipe in D

John Dixon



The Lord's Prayer



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.

Comments for Contemplation

Coming to Maturity in Christ Ephesians 4:1–6; Ephesians 4:7–16

1. We find throughout both Old and New Testaments the Lord expressing his desires for his people, making clear that it is only through relationship with Him, beginning with humbly praying and seeking his face and turning from our wickedness, that God can begin to use us and change us into instruments of his will and his _____.
2. The devastating pandemic of bubonic plague occurred in the mid-1300's. They called it the Black Death. It began in Asia in 1347 and from there spread by boat to port cities in Italy. It then moved up the trade routes, reaching England the next year. Its mortality rate was very high, estimated to be between 20 and 40% of the _____ where it arrived.
3. And the Apostle Paul urges us in our Scripture lessons today to mature and to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. So today we are looking at how we may indeed _____ and grow up as the Body of Christ, through speaking the truth in love.
4. Over the years I have discovered that genuine maturity in a person is fundamentally a spiritual process. If someone is truly mature, then they will have a spiritual wisdom and capacity about them, that is not present in those who clearly have some growing to do. For that reason, you may run into very young people who are remarkably mature, and adults who, for one reason or another, are still quite immature. The difference is in their spiritual depth and _____.
5. So here we begin to understand that maturity is about growing up into Christ and not being blown about by whimsical winds of doctrine, or by the sophistry of clever people. No, the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God is a critical piece of the maturity to which we are called. And we are to use that maturity to serve others, building up the Body of Christ, and _____ the truth in love.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 8/5

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| 8:30 a.m. | Worship in Chapel |
| 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| 9:45 a.m. | New Member Class |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship in Sanctuary |
| 2:00 p.m. | PCGRC |

Monday 8/6

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| 8:00 a.m. | Preschool In-Service |
| 6:30 p.m. | Financial Peace University |

Tuesday 8/7

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| 8:00 a.m. | Preschool In-Service |
| 9:00 a.m. | Senior Flexibility Class |
| 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Bible Study |

Wednesday 8/8

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| 8:00 a.m. | Preschool In-Service |
| 8:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| 10:00 a.m. | Quilting Group |
| 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |

Thursday 8/9

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| 6:30 p.m. | New Parent Orientation |
| 6:45 p.m. | Team Meeting Night |

Friday 8/10

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| 9:00 a.m. | Senior Flexibility Class |
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Information for the August 19 bulletin should be turned into Kim at the church office by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Richard Ankele, Elaine Bahn, Jack Bos, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Kevin Chin, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Tommy and Kathryn Copeland and family, Michael Deardorff, Laura and Moses Duffney, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, J.D. Paulk, John Pittman, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Marcia Rober, Aileigh Rodriguez, Kyle Terwilliger, Donna Vickers, Richard Whitenight, Karl Winter, Mary Jane Wright

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, James Dailey, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Amie Murtha, 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.

The 4-Week New Members Class ***Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community***

Continues in week two at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Week One: "Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"

—This is a chance to share our journeys of faith with one another, and learn about one another.

Week Two: "On Being a Christian in a Post-modern World"

—What it means to be a Christian and why it is so vitally important in today's world.

Week Three: "Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian"

—This will help us understand the blessings and issues of our particular tradition in the family of faith.

Week Four: "On Being Sent: Relational Ministry, Missional Discipleship and Incarnational Witness"

—A chance to learn about gifts, equipping, ministry and mission.

Volunteers Needed at Carter Jr. High

The beginning of the school year is around the corner! Carter Jr. High is looking for volunteers to help with registration. All volunteers are welcome, but if you speak Spanish that will help tremendously as many of the parents do not speak English. Here are the dates and times they will need help:

Wednesday, August 8 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, August 9 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at adrian@firstprestexas.org or 817-274-8286 to let him know what day and time you are able to volunteer and he will let the school know. Thank you in advance for your help!

2018 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

The Teacher Appreciation Breakfast will be held for Carter Junior High on Tuesday, August 14 at 7:30 a.m. We will be serving over 100 teachers and staff as they come to school to set up their rooms.

The Friendship Class is donating food and volunteers. The Mission and Evangelism team is supporting the teachers in our neighborhood school. If you would like to help, please contact Sue Lavender at 817-781-6252.

Kids Beach Club

Sunday, August 26, Kids Beach Club will have a display by the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service and training in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. Stop by after the 11:00 service to learn about Kids Beach Club and to get questions answered. Training will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m. for anyone interested in volunteering with Kids Beach Club. All Arlington churches that participate in Kids Beach Clubs are being invited. Lunch will be available for people planning to stay for the training.

Children's Ministry Volunteers are needed for the following areas:

Blanton Kids Beach Club needs small group leaders, people who can greet and visit with kids and listen to memory verses, and people who will pray for the school, teachers, students, parents and Beach Club.

Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School class needs at least 1 and possibly 2 people to help the third and fourth Sunday of every month.

Starting in September we will be adding another elementary Sunday School class for 1st and 2nd graders. We need 2 people each week to lead this class.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kyle Terwilliger at kyle@firstprestexas.org or 817-274-8286.

Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

Children's Ministry Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon and Training - Sun., September 16 at noon in the Parlor.

Luncheon for families with children in 6th grade or younger - Sunday, September 9

Kids Night Out - Friday, September 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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 Maggie Johnson at: teachmepretty@yahoo.com.

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

Name of nominee: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Elder _____ Deacon _____ Trustee _____ Congregational Nominating Team _____