

November 25, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

THE STORY

READ THE STORY
EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE



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

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Diane Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leaders: Jane Leathem

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
in memory of Frances Cooper
and her loving service to FPCA.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

1 Samuel 17:45

David said to the Philistine [Goliath], "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."

Voluntary

Ciacona in F Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Call to Worship

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, **My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.**

My shield and the horn of my salvation. **He is my stronghold, my refuge, and my Savior.**

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

We've Come This Far by Faith

Albert Goodson

§ Hymn 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Lord we confess that we suffer today because of sin, both the sins we have chosen and the sins committed against us. We have done things we should not have done, and we have neglected to do those things we should have done. Save us from ourselves; save us from the forces of evil in this world. We do not have the power to undo what has already been done, so grant us grace to bear present burdens and courage to change things that can be changed. Teach us how to live as those prepared to die and dwell eternally with you and our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 336

We Gather Together

KREMSE

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Old Testament page 259

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) Bringing in the Sheaves arr. Jay Althouse
Carroll Hulla, tenor

(11:00) O Sing with Joy, Alleluia J. S. Bach
*Alleluia, Alleluia, O praise be to God. Our songs to him we raise with exultation.
Thou Lord, our God, most holy God, we sing and praise thy name with adoration.
O sing with joy, Alleluia, our thanks be to God. For his great gift to all the earth was given.
Our voices raise with hymns of praise, proclaiming thee our God, most heavenly Father.*

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Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 17: 41–50 Old Testament page 262

The Sermon From Shepherd to King: David 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 Ciacona in F Minor Johann Pachelbel

§ The Doxology

**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 A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Sending

§ Hymn 643 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

Postlude Ciacona in F Minor Johann Pachelbel





Comments for Contemplation

From Shepherd to King: David

1 Samuel 16:1–13, 1 Samuel 17: 41–50

1. Luther did coin the phrase, “priesthood of all believers,” but, truly, he was only re-discovering what God had intended and revealed in Scripture from the very beginning. The Lord has always intended that everyone who trusts and believes in him should exercise his or her gifts and talents as a form of ministry or _____, doing their work to the glory of God and on the Lord’s behalf.
2. David, as we have mentioned elsewhere, is described in the Bible as a man after God’s own heart, both in 1 Samuel 13:14 and in Acts 13:22. Indeed, if we are to be a part of the ministry or priesthood of all God’s people we also need to be women and men after God’s own heart, because God’s heart is that each one of us discover _____, our calling, our gifts, our ministries and our very lives in the Lord as he is revealed to us in Jesus Christ.
3. The great king David was once a common and almost forgotten person, a shepherd that few would even remember. And we should know that, still today, the greatest of God’s servants are among the most _____ and humble of us here and now.
4. This young Biblical hero demonstrated for all believers who may see themselves as small or ordinary, that the inner spiritual strength that comes from the Lord is more effective than size or arms. It was David’s _____ in the Lord, the God of Israel, that enabled this young shepherd to use only a sling to defeat the enemies of God’s people.
5. Maybe you have no clue as to how God might be able to use you in ministry or in that priesthood to which all of us are called. Maybe you feel you aren’t the most gifted of people and wonder what you might have that God could have a plan for. But are you a person who desires to _____ God, who is willing to seek after God’s own heart?

Christmas Poinsettias!

Please help us prepare our Sanctuary to celebrate the birth of our Savior by ordering a poinsettia. Order forms are in the Narthex, Chapel hall and church office.

Please complete the form and place it in the offering plate, the baskets in the Chapel hall and Narthex, or mail/bring them to the church office.

The cost is \$10.00 each and the deadline to order is Sunday, December 9.

Decorate the Church Saturday, December 1st

Join in getting the church ready for the Advent season by hanging the garlands, Christmons, and other decorations throughout the church beginning at 10:00 a.m.

An Advent Festival

a service of worship in song

celebrating the coming of the
Savior with choir, organ, and brass

Sunday, December 9, 2018

11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

featuring *Gloria* by John Rutter and
Glory to God by Russell Farnell

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Senior Flexibility Class

Come get fit with us! The Senior Flexibility Class meet on Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge, but participants will be responsible for purchasing and storing their own exercise equipment. If interested, contact Thomas Dombrowsky at 817-287-9773 or tomasdom@sbcglobal.net.

Gifts of Hope are coming!

FPCA will once again be offering Gifts of Hope for the 2018 Advent Season. Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift market that offers a creative and caring way to honor friends, family members, colleagues, etc. through donations to a wide range of outreach organizations. "Shoppers" choose an organization, donate the amount specified, and then receive a card to give as a gift to friends or family. This program not only supports outreach organizations, but also seeks to offer a less materialistic option for gift giving.

Gifts of Hope will be available for sale after both worship services between Sunday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 16th. If you have any questions or are available to help with the program (by selling Gifts of Hope before/after worship services, etc.), please email Laura Farnell at Laura.Farnell@gmail.com or call or text (682) 478-5676.

Box Tops Update

Box Tops collecting for the 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start. So far this school year, we have collected about 200, or about \$20 worth of Box Tops for Carter Junior High and Blanton Elementary. Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

Please continue to look for and collect these labels, which can be found on the tops and sides of various General Mills packages. Each label is worth 10-cents for K-8 schools. You can turn them into the orange "Box Tops" shoeboxes located in the church office and also in the Fellowship Hall entrance hallway. A few tips for collecting: 1) Please check the expiration date since the program does not accept Box Tops that have expired. 2) If you have time to trim the Box Tops label before turning it in, that makes them easier to sort and process. Feel free to email Laura.Farnell@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for taking the time to help benefit our local schools!

Preschool Christmas Program

The Preschool will have the Christmas Program on Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Following the program will be photos and cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you all will join us!

Update on Mission Possible Dinner!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Mission Possible Dinner a success. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and greatly enjoyed having the Carter Jr. High Treble Choir join us. Together, we raised \$3,009 for local missions. We will be sending \$602 of the funds raised to support our neighbor - Carter Jr. High Choir.

Belize Mission 2019 March 10th–17th

Is the Lord calling you to go to Belize? If you have ever thought that you would like to join the Belize Mission Team, then 2019 is the year for you! We are currently finalizing the team for Belize. The deadline to finalize the team is only 2 weeks away. If you have any interest in Belize, please contact Suzie McCoy at 817-271-5995.

The Mitten Tree

Please help families during this Christmas season and during the cold winter months by bringing new warm gloves, hats, and scarves and hang them on the Mitten Tree! These will be given to Arlington Charities for children and adults in time for Christmas. The Mitten Tree is located by the choir room. Please stop by and make someone's Christmas happy...and WARM!

The Dove Tree

The Dove Tree will be up December 1 in the Westminster Hall. Each dove will have a name and address of one of our home bound members. Advent is a great time for us to spread love to those who cannot get out easily. Please take a dove from the tree and visit one of our home bound. A small gift, a card, a poinsettia, etc. will brighten their holiday season and you will be blessed in return.

December's Two Special Offerings

Our church supports two special offerings during the month of December. One is the Christmas Joy Offering which goes directly to Presbytery. The other goes to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS). Offering envelopes can be found outside the sanctuary or chapel or designate on your check which offering you are supporting.

The receipts from the Joy Offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and to the National Ministries of the General Assembly Council to support Presbyterian racial ethnic education. To view a brief video about the Christmas Joy Offering, visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy>.

Our church continually supports PCHAS but especially at Christmas. During the evening Christmas Eve services at our church, the undesignated offerings will benefit the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS). To find out more about PCHAS, visit <http://www.pchas.org>. You could also speak to Marge and Bob Dawson, PCHAS Ambassadors and volunteers, about this very worthy organization which supports many children and families in a variety of ways throughout Texas.

Submitted by Sheri Quick and Bob Dawson, Mission and Evangelism Team

THE STORY Sermon Series and Study

Join us as we continue our 31-week overarching tour of God's Word in the entire Bible (pausing for Advent and Christmas), using a 31-chapter book of Scriptures chronologically arranged called THE STORY.

Both the sermon series and several Sunday School classes will follow the themes of THE STORY, which requires reading less than three pages/day, or fifteen pages/week. Copies of THE STORY can be ordered through Christianbook.com. Come and discover how your story connects with God's story of steadfast love and mercy.



Festival of Tables

*Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall*

Come Celebrate the Season!

Members of the Chancel Choir will present the program.

- Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Arlington Life Shelter.
- Guests are welcome to bring an unwrapped toy. All toys will be donated to the Salvation Army.
- Childcare is available upon request at time of ticket purchase.

**Tickets (\$5) on sale
November 11, 18, and 25**

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 11/25

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Children's Music Lunch
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 11/26

3:30 p.m. Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 11/27

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

Wednesday 11/28

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
6:00 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 11/29

2:45 p.m. Mentoring Program
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday 11/30

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

Saturday 12/1

10:00 a.m. Decorate the Church

Information for the December 9 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, Mike Copeland, Michael Deardorff, Laura, Moses and Abe Duffney, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, J.D. Paulk, Bill and Sue Perry, John Pittman, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Sarah Rabb, Al Smithson, Kyle Terwilliger, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Richard Whitenight, Jake Winkler, Karl Winter, Mary Jane Wright, Bob Zakrzewski

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 Marge Dawson at mdawsonartx@att.net or 817-980-6825.

