

May 19, 2019
First Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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: Elena Regalado

11:00 Lay Leader: Samuel Terwilliger

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
with fond memories of Mary Nell White.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

*Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us
by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always; through
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.*

Voluntary (8:30)

Sicilienne

Maria Theresia Von Paradis

Oni Melendez, flute Cheryl Harris, piano

(11:00)

Nettleton Meditation

arr. Rebecca te Velde

Call to Worship

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

And speak of all his marvelous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

Who was and is and is to come!

Let us worship God!

Introit (11:00)

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

LAUDE DOMINI

§ Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God Almighty!

NICEA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied.**

**Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace so that we may follow
your way and tell the good news of the gospel. 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 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Revelation 4:1–11

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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)

Shall We Gather at the River?

arr. Hal Hopson

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we' ll gather at the river, the beautiful, beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Soon we' ll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody, the melody of peace.
We' ll gather at the throne of God.*

Scripture Reading

Revelation 5:1–14

New Testament page 248

The Sermon

The End of Time

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.**

The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory (8:30)

The Shepherd's Psalm

Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble Oni Melendez, flute

(11:00)

Show Me Thy Ways, O Lord

arr. Mark Patterson

Ryan Farnell, Edrea Ngwa, Sarah Teel, trebles

§ 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

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 649	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound	AMAZING GRACE
§ Charge and Benediction		the congregation joins hands
Postlude	In Dulci Jubilo	arr. Dale Wood



(12:00) Narthex at Noon

Comments for Contemplation

The End of Time Revelation 4:1–11; 5:1–14

1. “At first the Roman authorities regarded Christians as a sect within Judaism. But toward the close of the first century it became clear that the church was separate from the synagogue; therefore, Christians who refused to participate in emperor worship exposed themselves to the charge of not only being unpatriotic, but also of being subversive and enemies of the state. Consequently, at various times and places they suffered _____ because of their faith.” (Dr. Bruce Metzger)
2. This John was in exile writing on the island of Patmos, about 55 miles from the port city of Ephesus. From the mid-second century on, the book was widely but not universally ascribed to the apostle John, the son of Zebedee, who was one of Jesus’ original twelve disciples. It is written to seven churches that existed in Asia Minor at that time: the churches at Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. They were in various states of spiritual _____.
3. We will be reminded that even when life seems unalterably bleak, even when the forces of darkness seem to have the upper hand, even when suffering becomes a part of our everyday existence and hopelessness becomes our regular companion, we can continue to put our trust and our hope in the One who is seated on the throne, because the Sovereign God and the Lamb who was slain are the rulers of heaven and earth. Suffering is _____. Justice is done. Evil is vanquished. The Lord is victorious.
4. But in today’s Scripture lessons, we get a picture of the One who belongs at the center of our very lives and that is Almighty God who sits on the throne. In the midst of all of our vocational and avocational interests, the Lord our God must truly be our only all-consuming center. When we are fearful or tempted to compromise our faith, we must look the Lamb who is worthy, the _____ and perfecter of our faith.
5. Now think about that. The Lion is worthy, but the Lion proves to be the Lamb that was slaughtered. If you were in the midst of a time of severe persecution, watching friends and family members die, wouldn’t you want to know about the Lamb who was slain who became the Lion of the tribe of Judah? The elders fall down before the Lamb, the four living creatures fall down before the Lamb. They start to sing about how the Lamb ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; and made them to be a kingdom and _____ serving our God, and they will reign on earth.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 5/19

8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Senior Sunday Reception
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	The Story
9:45 a.m.	New Member Class
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Senior Sunday Reception
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC

Monday 5/20

6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
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Tuesday 5/21

9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 5/22

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

Thursday 5/23

2:00 p.m.	Radiant Girls Banquet
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

Friday 5/24

9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
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Information for the June 2 bulletin should be turned in to Kim at the church office by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Apana Agha, Esther Albright, Elaine Bahn, Jack Bos, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carl Carpenter, Vannah Caylor, Kevin Chin, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Michael Deardorff, Laura, Moses and Abe Duffney, Wasim Abusaef, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, The Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes, Gary Lindley, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, J.D. Paulk, Betsy Pense, Sue Perry, Nita Price, Jim L. and Jo Ann Quick, Sarah Rabb, Jim Reynolds, Joan and Homer Reynolds, Al Smithson, Brooks and Connie Taylor, Kyle Terwilliger, Sara Van Lieshout, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Richard Whitenight, 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, Peyton Steeno, 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 mdawsonarltx@att.net or 817-980-6825.

Snacks for Camp/Conference Trips

Another area of need for our youth summer camp/conference trips is snacks and bottled water. We are working with local grocery stores to see if they will donate snacks and water, but we will need as much help as possible.

If you would like to donate any snacks or water, please drop them off any time between now and Friday, June 20th at the church office or Adrian Rodriguez's office. Thank you so much for your help!

Rent-A-Student

Do you have some work you need done around the house? Need someone to take care of that work for you? Well look no more! The Well Students, our very FPCA Youth, would like to take care of those tasks for you. All donations will go towards helping kids go to camp/conference this summer.

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at adrian@firstprestexas.org or 817-734-2726 to schedule an appointment.

Senior Sunday Receptions

Please join us immediately after the 8:30 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. services in the Fellowship Hall for a reception to celebrate our high school seniors, Elena Regalado and Samuel Terwilliger.



Samuel Terwilliger - Hi there, my name is Samuel Terwilliger and I am graduating from Martin High School! I loved the three years I got to sing in the Martin choir and will miss that. I'll continue interning at Lockheed Martin as a Software Engineer intern. In the fall I'll be attending the University of Texas at Arlington. For several years I have had opportunities to participate in the Great Escape trips to Colorado and Fun in the Sun camp experiences in South Padre Island. For three years I have been blessed to be a part of the Belize mission trips. Working at Camp Thurman, serving in various roles in our church's VBS weeks, teaching Sunday School and helping with Kids Night Out have all been ways God has opened for me to serve others. Thank you to everyone who has helped me and my family through our numerous trials of life. The Lord bless you and keep you.



Elena Regalado - Elena Grace Regalado attends Martin High School and will be enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin this fall to major in Special Education. At Martin, Elena is ranked in the top 6 percent of her graduating class, is Editor-in-Chief of her school's newspaper, a member of the varsity choir, a liaison for the Academic Decathlon team and a teaching assistant in a special education classroom on campus. Outside of school, Elena volunteers as a news anchor for the AISD-TV News and is the longest serving Teen Board member of There 4 Gathering where she serves the non-profit to plan the Christian conference and raise scholarship money for attendees. Elena has worked at Camp Thurman the past three summers, and this summer will be teaching swim lessons as a Water Safety Instructor before heading off to Austin. Elena has been part of First Presbyterian Church since she was seven, and remembers attending with her family fondly. With the church she has gotten to be a part of the Missional Community, sing at services, and make lifelong friends. She is very grateful for the support the church has given her the past eleven years, and looks forward to visiting when she comes home to Arlington next year. Hook 'em horns... that's for you, Chris!

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, May 20, 6:00 p.m. in the church Parlor. Potluck dinner, bring a favorite dish. This will be our last meeting until we resume again in September. We will complete our study with Chapter 9. Questions? Contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com).

Vacation Bible School - Registration

Monday - Friday June 10-14
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
for children 4 years old to 6th grade.

**You can register online at:
firstprestexas.org/vbs**

Down On The Farm petting zoo will be here
Monday & Friday from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Preschool Summer Camp 2019

June 10 through August 2

Ages 6 weeks through 3rd Grade

Monday-Friday 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Contact the Preschool to Register at
817-274-4051

Youth - Summer Camp/Conference Donations

It's that time of year again and we are preparing to take our youth back to The Great Escape (middle school camp/conference). Please help us get our youth to camp this year, especially those from Carter Jr. High.

The cost to take a middle school student to camp is \$435. Any donation that the Lord puts on your heart to give will help us greatly. The youth and youth leaders thank you in advance for your all of your support!