

June 16, 2019
First Presbyterian Church
Trinity 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

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Christina Moore

11:00 Lay Leader: Christina Moore

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.

Please silence all phones and devices

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Voluntary

Variation on Veni Creator

Maurice Duruflé

Call to Worship

Come, all you who carry heavy burdens, and Christ will give you rest.

For he is gentle and humble in heart: in him we find rest for our souls.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

Come, Holy Spirit

arr. Egil Holand

§ Hymn 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Holy God, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest relationships with our friends, our spouses, and our families.

We give this burden to you, mindful of Jesus' promise that he will give us rest. Forgive us, for we trust in you. 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 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

Presentation of the Fred Kurz Scholarship

Community Joys and Events

The Sacrament of Baptism

Sending

§ Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God Almighty!

NICEA

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Praeludium in C Major

Dieterich Buxtehude



Comments for Contemplation

Did Jesus Consider Himself God?

Matthew 11:25–27; Mark 14:60–65

1. Now, I tell you this story because you may have had a similar experience in your life, and these kinds of encounters are more common than one might think. That Jesus knew he was God’s unique Son, and was uniquely living out God’s divine plan for humanity, is not _____ accepted, even by some Christians, let alone non-Christians. But is it important and does it really matter to our every lives? I believe it matters greatly!
2. Part of the reason I was attracted to the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition as a young man is that while we love the Lord and adhere to the ancient doctrines of the faith, and commend them to all, we do see redemptive possibilities in conversing with the academy and the philosophers, just as the Apostle Paul did in ministering to the Athenians at Mars Hill in Acts 17. I am grateful that I had a few resources to offer to my cousin Chuck, the mathematics professor, and that I could give him a _____ for the hope that is within me (1 Pet. 3:15)
3. Instead Jesus was very careful in his self-disclosures, and only gradually revealed himself to those who were prepared to hear what he had to say, and also to some who weren’t prepared. It was to the latter group that the charges of blasphemy came quickly, and we see the great irony: that Jesus, the loving and merciful Master, the incarnation of God, and the one who was both divine and human is _____ for revealing who he was and his vocation as the unique Son of our heavenly Father.
4. One thing that is critical to note: while the creeds grow in length and in number over time, they do not grow in the magnification of Jesus Christ. That is to say that we do not find an evolutionary trend to elevate Jesus in the creedal tradition of Christianity. “Jesus is Lord,” already says the most profound and startling thing, that the name uniquely attributed to God in the Old Testament, “Lord,” was from the very _____ of Christianity attributed to Jesus.
5. Then Jesus says the remarkable words of verse 27: “All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” In other words, Jesus is claiming that his relationship to the Father is so unique, that in order to know God the Father, you must have the Father _____ to you by Jesus. Wow.
6. But listen to what Jesus does: he forgives the sins that people perpetrate against others. And the reaction of the people around him is this: who can forgive sins but _____ alone?

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 6/16

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

Monday 6/17

6:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp

Tuesday 6/18

6:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 6/19

6:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 6/20

6:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp

Friday 6/21

6:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Saturday 6/22

The Great Escape
(Jr. High Camp Trip)

Information for the June 30 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, Elaine Bahn, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carl Carpenter, Vannah Caylor, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Michael Deardorff, Don Farrell, The Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes, Gary Lindley, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Barbara Mooers, J.D. Paulk, Betsy Pense, Nita Price, Jim L. and Jo Ann Quick, Sarah Rabb, The family of Jim Reynolds, Jillian Reynolds, Joan and Homer Reynolds, Boyd and Eleanor Schernbeck, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Richard Whitenight, Karl Winter, 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

Esther Albright, Shirley Bragg, Bobbie and Tom Fowler, Jack Gray, Allen and Charlene Miller, Cary and Ruth Moore, Carrie and Cosme Pacot, Al Smithson, Brooks and Connie Taylor, Mary Jane Wright.

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Rich McDermott at 817-274-8286.

Pentecost Offering

Our Pentecost Offering is still being received. As with all Special Offerings, times before and after this date are appropriate for donations also. On Pentecost Sunday, we join Christians around the world to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. The Pentecost Offering benefits children at risk, youth, and young adults. Forty percent of the offering stays locally and this year will go to HOPE Tutoring as decided by the Mission and Evangelism Team with Session approval. The other percentage will support General Assembly ministries for youth development.

For more information on the Pentecost Offering see www.pcusa.org/pentecost.

Offering envelopes are available outside the chapel and sanctuary several weeks before the offering and after for several weeks. Please use the Pentecost envelopes or designate on your check or other envelope if you are giving to the Pentecost Offering.

Please help aid youth programs in our city as well as our country and world. The theme this year is "Building a Life of Faith". The Bible verse is "God from my youth you have taught me" Psalm 71:17.



Fred Kurz Scholarship 2019 Winner

My name is Christina Moore. I am currently in my second year of a three year Master's program at Austin Seminary. My degree focus is in youth ministry. I am discerning if I will pursue ordination after my Center for Youth Ministry Training program at the seminary.

I have been called to lead youth and young adults and help them grown in Christ. I did not grow up in church and didn't have youth group growing up. I sure wish I had that opportunity when I was younger. I want to be a role model for young people and I have a heart to serve Christ and minister in any way I can.

40th Ordination ANNIVERSARY



May God's goodness and kindness
be with you on this special day
and all the days of your life."

Psalms 23:6

Celebration of Pastor Rich's Ordination

Sunday, June 23, will be the celebration of Pastor Rich's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Celebration & Youth Bake Sale

The Summer Celebration Dinner will be Sunday, July 7, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Coinciding with the dinner, the Youth will have a Bake Sale at 12 noon outside the Fellowship Hall.

We are in need of baked goods to be donated and any generous monetary donations on that day will help support kids for camp.

Come join us for some great food and fellowship!

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!

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.

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!