

July 7, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

The 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. Rich McDermott

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leader: Betsy McDermott

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

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It is important to come to worship prepared to worship. Pray before you come so you will be ready to pray when you arrive. Sleep before you come so you will stay alert when you arrive. Read the Word before you come so your heart will be soft when you worship. Come hungry. Come willing. Come expecting God to speak. Come anticipating a memorable experience with the Creator of the universe.

Prelude (8:30)

Communion

Alexandre Guilmant

(11:00)

Jesus Loves Me
Tim Culp, piano

Fred Bock

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 354

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful.

Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 215

What Wondrous Love Is This
Stanza 1

WONDROUS LOVE

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34–43

New Testament page 129

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

1 Corinthians 1:26–2:5

New Testament page 166

The Sermon

The Gospel and Postmodernism

Rev. McDermott

The Table

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory (8:30)

Communion

Marcel Dupré

(11:00)

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Hunter Hendrickson, guest director

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

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 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

\$ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso from Sonata No. 5

Felix Mendelssohn



(12:00) Narthex @ Noon

The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

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.

Sermon Notes

The Gospel and Postmodernism Acts 10:34–43; 1 Corinthians 1:26–2:5

1. Postmodernism brings a number of positive things to the table. Like the Christian gospel, it urges us to listen to voices of outsiders, and to take seriously the stories of peoples long silenced. It urges us to be sensitive to power issues and the _____ of assumed cultural superiority.
2. However, on the other hand, there is much in postmodernism that is clearly antithetical to the Christian faith. It is characteristic of postmodernism to assert that there are no universal truths, no absolute values, no inherent meaning in texts that we read, and no over-arching stories that make sense of the world, called meta-narratives. Christianity claims that the God who is revealed in Jesus Christ provides all of _____, and more.
3. Jim Edwards reminds us that “The early church proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ not from a position of power, nor in support of a position of power. The gospel was first proclaimed by a tiny minority – no more than two or three thousand at first – on the eastern fringe of the Roman Empire. Its earliest symbols were loaves and fish, a vine and grapes, a lamb, a dove, an olive branch, a boat and an anchor, a basin and towel, a veiled woman praying with raised hands, the Good Shepherd. These were not symbols of _____ and dominance, but of deliverance, security, kinship, healing and service....”
4. “In many and various ways the Bible clearly recounts the architectural design of salvation from Abraham to Christ. Jesus was aware of the grand narrative and of his particular role in it.... [The Bible’s remarkable testimony] attests to [Jesus’] anchor role in the _____ relay race, as the following verse testifies. [Jesus said,] ‘Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.’ (Luke 10:23-24).” [Jim Edwards]
5. You see, one of the main pieces for understanding the truth of the gospel and the truth that Jesus is the only Savior of the world is that by the power of God and the power of his Spirit, people’s lives are changed. They will never be the same again. But that is literally what happens when we grasp God’s deep love for us, and that Jesus died not only for the sins of the whole world, but for _____ sin as well.
6. Peter thus gives the grand narrative, starting with the prophets of the Old Testament and concluding with the good news that because Jesus is our Savior and the _____ Savior, when we believe in him we receive forgiveness for our sins through his name.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 7/7

8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Summer Celebration & Youth Bake Sale
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC

Monday 7/8

6:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
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Tuesday 7/9

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

Wednesday 7/10

6:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
10:00 a.m.	The Well Wednesday's

Thursday 7/11

6:45 a.m.	Preschool Summer Camp
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Friday 7/12

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

Information for the July 21 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 and Allena Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Michael Deardorff, Laura, Moses, Abe Duffney, Wasim Abusaef, 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. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Joan and Homer Reynolds, Boyd and Eleanor Schernbeck, Sara Van Lieshout, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Richard Whitenight, Karl Winter

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, Marge Harrand, 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.

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Summer Celebration Dinner

Today is the Summer Celebration Dinner
at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

The menu will be fried chicken, mac and cheese, green beans, bread, tea and lemonade.

Come join us for some great food and fellowship!



Youth Bake Sale

Coinciding with the Summer Celebration Dinner today, the Youth will have a Bake Sale at 12 noon outside the Fellowship Hall.

The youth will be baking some treats for the bake sale on July 7th. If you bring any treats for the sale, please label them "Youth Bake Sale" and put them in the Fellowship kitchen.

Any generous monetary donations on that day will help support kids for camp. Thank you for your continued support of our youth.

July 21 through August 18 (Five Sundays): The Early Church

The Theological Inquiries and Indagators Sunday School Classes will host the Reverend Dr. Larry Thomas in Fellowship Hall beginning July 21, 2019 for five Sundays. Larry's topic will be "The Early Church." Larry's talk will begin at 9:30 A.M. Everyone is invited.

Presbyterian Children's Homes Lunch and Rangers Game

You are invited, as 1st Arlington hosts (for the 35th time) PCHAS youth and foster families for the last regular season game in the Ballpark, Rangers vs Yankees - Sunday 9/29/19 at 2:00 pm. The youth will be here for 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. worship followed by lunch and then off to the game. PCHAS foster parents and single parents join with the Itasca youth as our guests.

Tickets are \$25 (group price paid is marked up \$15 to cover the cost for 60-70 PCHAS staff and youth) and we'd like to have firm reservations by 9/1/19. See you then! Contact Bob Dawson (txt 214-415-5396)



Monday Night Women's Bible Study Books

The 2019-2020 study guide for the Monday Night Women's Bible Study is now available for pick up and payment (\$10 per book) in the FPCA workroom.

A box labeled with an orange sign has the books and a pick up list inside.