

July 21, 2019

# First Presbyterian Church

Sixth 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: Isobel Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Anna Njei



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)

Pilgrim Song

Ryan Murphy

*My brethren, I have found a land that doth abound with fruit as sweet as honey;  
The more I eat, I find, the more I am inclined to shout and sing hosana.*

*My soul doth long to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior;  
And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.*

*Perhaps you think me wild, or simple as a child; I am a child of glory;  
I am born from above, my soul is filled with love; I love to tell the story.*

*My soul now sits and sings and practices its wings, and contemplates the hour  
When the messenger shall say, "Come quit this house of clay, and with bright angels tower."*

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

New Testament page 196

The Sermon

Joy: Partnership in the Gospel

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

Rondo in G

John S. Dixon

§ 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 - Romans 8, selections paraphrased

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.... For we know that  
all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's  
purpose.... We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things  
present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all  
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Sending***

§ Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Marche

Franz Lachner





### *Comments for Contemplation*

Joy: Partnership in the Gospel      Mark 8:34–38; Philippians 1:3–11

1. Isn't it amazing how God uses certain people in our lives to draw us closer to him? Sometimes it's our parents or grandparents or adopted grandparents. Sometimes it's a friend who is in our life only briefly. Sometimes it's a fellow Christian or a pastor or someone we listen to occasionally. But most of us here have heard the good news of the gospel from people who genuinely love us, and we have responded to the Lord in faith. The question for us today is this: are we \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel to which we have responded?
2. God certainly could have used other means for bringing the faith to us, but historically that is how it happened. We can thank God for the church at Philippi, which established the Christianity in Europe, and enabled the faith to eventually come to America. But how has Christian faith come to you? To whom are you indebted? Or are you among those who are just \_\_\_\_\_ and wondering if the Christian faith has something for you? Or are you prepared to be a true partner in the gospel?
3. "An idol has such a controlling position in your heart that you can spend most of your passion and energy, your emotional and financial resources, on it without giving it a second thought. It can be family and children, or career and making money, or achievement and critical acclaim, or saving 'face' and social standing. It can be a romantic relationship, peer approval, competence and skill, secure and comfortable circumstances, your beauty or your brains, a great political or social cause, your morality and \_\_\_\_\_, or even success in the Christian ministry." [Tim Keller]
4. So the Philippians are partners with Paul in the gospel, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day that Paul first proclaimed it to them until now, the writing of this letter. They have been loyal to Paul, and they have stuck with him through his imprisonment and trial as well as other events. Paul's great love for them \_\_\_\_\_ in this letter.
5. Could there be any more appropriate message to our culture today? We are saturated with a view of love that has little to do with the love required for true friendship, let alone marital love and commitment. Our culture is the great cultivator of sentimental mush, and we have made an idol of our passions and \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus helps us to get beyond the mush....
6. It is not about us saving ourselves, showing our achievements, or trying to hide our belief in Jesus Christ. It is about sharing in the koinonia of the gospel, the partnership or fellowship in the gospel, helping people to know Jesus Christ as their great lover, helper, Savior and Lord. It is about \_\_\_\_\_ in people, giving our love and giving our lives to see that they know Jesus.

## ***This week @ FPCA***

Sunday 7/21

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

Monday 7/22

6:45 a.m.                Preschool Summer Camp

Tuesday 7/23

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

Wednesday 7/24

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 7/25

6:45 a.m.                Preschool Summer Camp

Friday 7/26

6:45 a.m.                Preschool Summer Camp  
9:00 a.m.                Senior Flexibility Class  
11:00 a.m.               Youth Guys Night (off site)

Information for the August 4 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, The Farnell Family, 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, 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.

## **Preschool Enrollment for Fall**

The Preschool is enrolling for the fall. Church members get a 10% discount on monthly tuition. The first day of school is Monday, August 12. Please contact the Preschool office at 682-551-1207.

## **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 ticket price of \$15 is marked up to cover the cost of tickets for 60-70 PCHAS staff and youth) and we'd like to have firm reservations by **September 1, 2019**. See you then! Contact Bob Dawson (txt 214-415-5396)



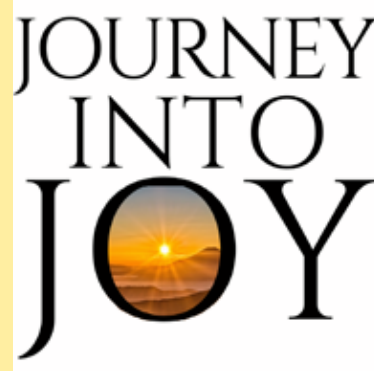
**Rev. Dr. Larry Thomas**  
**July 21 through August 18 - The Early Church**

Today is the beginning of Rev. Dr. Larry Thomas lecture series at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Larry's topic will be "The Early Church." Everyone is invited.

**Could you use some joy, grace, peace, and contentment in your life?** Are you looking to rid your life of worry, anxiety, fear, boredom, envy, rivalry and boasting? Then join us for a "Journey Into Joy," our new sermon series on Paul's letter to the Philippians:

**JOURNEY INTO JOY – The Book of Philippians**

- 7/14 The Gospel Comes to Philippi
- 7/21 Joy: Partnership in the Gospel
- 7/28 Rejoicing that Christ is Proclaimed
- 8/4 To Me, Living is Christ
- 8/11 The Name that is Above Every Name
- 8/18 Holding Fast to the Word of Life
- 8/25 Knowing Christ Jesus My Lord
- 9/1 Peace that Surpasses Understanding
- 9/8 The Secret of Contentment



**Children's & Youth Ministry Volunteers Luncheon, Discovery and Training**

On Sunday, August 4, after the 11:00 service we will have a luncheon in the Parlor for anyone interested in being a children's or youth ministry volunteer during the 2019-2020 school year. Come discover how you can help children and youth learn about and follow Jesus. We will also have the paperwork that needs to be filled out to do the required background check for volunteers and we will do some training.

**Children's & Youth Ministry Open House**

After the 11:00 service on Sunday, August 18, we will have a luncheon and open house for families with children or youth in 12th grade and younger. Come and meet some of the Sunday School teachers, KFC leaders, Youth leaders and Kids Night Out leaders. Parents, children and youth will be able to see where the classes will meet.

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

Begins Sunday, August 25, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown 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.

**An Opportunity to Serve.....**

September opens with an opportunity...the church office is seeking a volunteer receptionist for Tuesday mornings. Our staff has their weekly meeting during this time; it is important that we have a presence in the outer office.

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