

July 28, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

Seventh 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

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: David Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: 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.

Please silence all phones and devices

The flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Judy and Mike Northup in memory of their parents,
George and Nita Whitenight and
Roger and Mary Glynne Northup
and by Edna Collins in memory of Tommy Collins.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

*In Exodus 33:18, Moses asked the Lord, "Please, let me see Your glory."
When we worship, we gain a view of the throne of God.*

Voluntary

Elevation

Anonymous

Call to Worship

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing our hearts.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

In keeping God's word, there is great reward.

Let us therefore bow down and worship our Maker,

our Rock and our Redeemer.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

Rejoice!

C. O. BECK

§ Hymn 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

O Lord God, forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives. In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us.

Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us. Keep sending loving and compassionate leaders to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world. 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 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Numbers 11:16–17, 24–29 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.

Anthem (11:00) Peace Like a River arr. Mack Wilberg

*I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got faith like a river in my soul.
I've got hope like a river in my soul. I've got love like a river in my soul.*

Scripture Reading Philippians 1:12–18c New Testament page 196

The Sermon Rejoicing that Christ is Proclaimed 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 Allegretto from Sonata No. 4 Felix Mendelssohn

§ 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 Scots Confession 3.01

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we
must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible,
to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his
inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have
appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

Postlude Passacaglia in D Minor Max Reger





Comments for Contemplation

Rejoicing that Christ is Proclaimed Numbers 11:16–17, 24–29; Philippians 1:12–18c

1. Professor Donald Lutz has counted in all the writings of the founders 3,154 citations of other works; of these, nearly 1,100 or 34% are references to the Bible, about three and a half times more than the next closest number of citations of a source. Of the 56 _____ of the Declaration of Independence, 34 were Anglican, 13 Congregationalist, 6 Presbyterian, and one each for Baptist, Catholic, and Quaker.
2. Gradually, however, as he watched the misbegotten actions of King George III in the colonies, and his wrong and destructive misjudgments, he [Witherspoon] was drawn to the cause of Independence. Witherspoon taught his students to examine the deep connection between civil and religious liberty. He wanted them to know that all rights spring from free decisions made by individuals in the presence of the Creator of the _____. No university president or clergyman has played so great a role in shaping this nation's character than John Witherspoon.
3. The momentum of what we might call moral entropy is only hastened by a lack of committed faith and moral seriousness, even in the church, from which only a spiritual awakening has been known to offer a cure. I would suggest that we are approaching such a time, when the moral entropy of our country is accelerating, and when a laziness and _____ to faith is endemic, even in the church.
4. But the word was getting out that Paul was imprisoned simply for his faith in Christ, which created a certain compassion and interest among those who had heard, both soldiers and civilians who were involved in the prison system. And they were beginning to consider the claims of Jesus Christ that Paul had shared with them. The news about Christ was spreading like _____ throughout an entirely new group of people that were associated with the Roman government of the empire, and Paul was greatly encouraged at how many people were being exposed to the good news.
5. Paul says that his brothers and sisters in the Lord have been made confident in the Lord by his imprisonment, and they are actually speaking with greater boldness and without fear. Isn't it amazing, that the Lord takes what we would expect and turns it upside down? He takes a situation that would suggest a real defeat and retrenchment, and instead makes it into a victory and an advancement without _____.
6. For years we have tried to say the same thing: pastors are shepherds of the congregation, but the congregation are the saints that are equipped for the work of ministry. You are the ministers and the _____ called to proclaim Christ and carry the good news of the gospel wherever you go. Luther called it the "priesthood of all believers," and we have called it the ministry of every Christian.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 7/28

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 7/29

6:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp

Tuesday 7/30

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

Wednesday 7/31

Alan Wildes Meeting (a.m.)
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
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 8/1

Alan Wildes Meeting (a.m.)
6:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp
6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Friday 8/2

6:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp
9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
11:00 a.m. Youth-Back to School
 Bash-Epic Waters

Information for the August 11 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, 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)



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.

Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

Come be a part of the 4-week New Members class starting Sunday, August 25, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the north Sunday school 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.

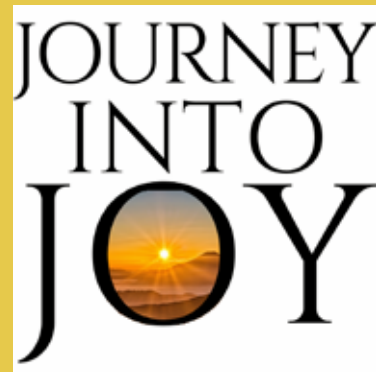
Rev. Dr. Larry Thomas - The Early Church

Rev. Dr. Larry Thomas continues his lecture series at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall through Sunday, August 18. Larry's topic is "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



Floral Arrangements for Sunday Worship

Fill out a flower order form (in brown envelope next to both flower sign-up charts) and turn it into Kim Lewis in the Church office at least two weeks ahead of time along with payment.

The cost of a floral arrangement is \$50.

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.