

August 4, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

The Eighth 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: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leader: Jim C Quick

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 Steve and Cynthia Duncan
in memory of Carl James Duncan.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

R. Ezell

Worship is not an endurance contest, but a marvelous adventure into the presence of the God of the universe. It is not business as usual, but a wonder-filled ride into a new dimension of life.

Prelude

Elevation

Peter Benoit

Call to Worship

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

God's ways are just and merciful.

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Merciful God, you call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in your sight. Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of your love in a dark world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the 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 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-16

New Testament page 4

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

Philippians 1:18d–30

New Testament page 196

The Sermon

To Me, Living Is Christ

Rev. McDermott

The Table

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory (8:30)

Lauda Anima

Adrienne Tindall

(11:00)

Come to the Table

Allen Pote

Come to the table and bring your joy, bring all your gladness and come to the table.

Eat the bread, drink the wine, come rejoice in the Lord.

Bring all your sorrow, bring all your pain, bring all the heartaches you bear.

Bring who you are and hope to become, come to the table to share.

Come to the table, remember Christ, remember his love when you come to the table.

Come in faith, come to serve, come rejoice in the Lord.

Share in the bread, share in the wine, share in the risen Lord.

Share as family, one in community, one in the name of the Lord.

Come to the table to follow Christ forgiven and free, you must come to the table.

Come in faith, come in love, come rejoice in the Lord.

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 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

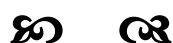
§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Praeludium in F-Sharp Minor

Dieterich Buxtehude



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.

Comments for Contemplation

To Me, Living Is Christ Matthew 5:1-16; Philippians 1:18d-30

1. From my standpoint, there are few better arguments for the truth of the Christian faith, than to see the courage and the faith of those Christians who face suffering and death with great dignity and trust, and to see the comfort that such faith brings to their loved ones who remain. There is a world of difference between those who have utter _____ and faith in the Lord Jesus who died and was raised, and those who have no faith and essentially believe that this is the only life we have for which to hope.
2. Sometimes we are quite paralyzed by our grief and loss, and unable to function well for months and even years afterward. Sometimes, we are able to move on but only with a deep sadness and an immense emptiness that never seems to leave. And some people, remarkably, seem to grieve for a fair amount of time and then to live with a genuine _____ that enables them to find new life and joy even in the midst of their sadness and loss.
3. The bereaved want us never to forget that their loved ones were special people. They want us to miss them and cherish the lives they lived. It is for this reason that so many old churches have little brass plaques nailed on to pews and windows with the name of people who died long ago. Their family members tried to nail down memories of them in their church. It helps with the grief to think that others may _____ when they sit on that pew or pass that window.
4. And slowly but surely, the soldiers who came into contact with Paul would hear the gospel and pass the word on to their fellow soldiers. Several of them may have been converted, because we know of a fair number of soldiers who counted themselves to be Christians over the last third of the first century. There was no more _____ group of soldiers than the Imperial Guard, and Paul is ecstatic that he able to disseminate the gospel through these well-respected guards.
5. Have you ever heard such confidence in the face of death? Paul borders on sounding a bit fatalistic, even masochistic, in this passage, but he is actually far from it. He is simply stating a truth that we have difficulty grasping: death for the Christian means departing and being with Christ, a wonderfully desirable state of being, that none of us should fear or _____.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 8/4

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
12:00 p.m. Children & Youth Ministry
 Volunteer Lunch & Training
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 8/5

6:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp

Tuesday 8/6

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

Wednesday 8/7

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 8/8

6:45 a.m. Preschool Summer Camp
6:45 p.m. Team Meeting Night

Friday 8/9

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

Information for the August 18 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Today 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.

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



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)