

August 18, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

Tenth 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: Samuel Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: Maggie Johnson

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 Reck in memory of Charles Reck,
and Don and Barbara Smith, in celebration
of their 17th wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

*When we come to worship, we have come to meet with God, the living God,
who has one agenda in worship—to meet with us. When we come to meet with God,
we would be well advised to let him do the talking. God wants to communicate with us.*

Voluntary

Abide with Me

Tim Doran

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. Alleluia! Amen.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

§ Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**O God of saints and sinners, hear our prayer: please forgive the wrong that we have done, and
bless the good you have accomplished in us.**

**We thank you for loving us, redeeming us, helping us, and molding us into the image of our
Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:13–27

New Testament page 7

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)

E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come

Paul Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord: the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus quickly come. And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp no sun, for Christ will be their all!*

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:12-30

New Testament page 197

The Sermon

Holding Fast to the Word of Life

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

O Mighty God, Great is Thy Love!

Swedish folk

§ 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

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 4

What does the Law of God require of us?

**Jesus Christ teaches this in a summary in Matthew 22:37-40: "You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first
commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two
commandments depend all the law and the prophets."**

Sending

§ Hymn 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Great is the Lord

Tim Doran





Sermon Notes

Holding Fast to the Word of Life Matthew 7:13–27; Philippians 2:12–30

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 8/18

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
 Open House
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Tuesday 8/20

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 8/21

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
10:00 a.m. The Well Wednesday's
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 8/22

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday 8/23

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the September 1 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, Vannah Caylor, Frank and Allena Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Michael Deardorff, The Farnell Family, The Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, Barbara Mooers, Betsy Pense, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Joan and Homer Reynolds, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, 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, 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, Suzette Armstrong, Polly Baugh, Shirley Bragg, Renabel Clutz, Bobbie and Tom Fowler, Jack Gray, Marge Harrand, Barbara Hughes, Barbara Kraemer, Jeanne Malone, Allen and Charlene Miller, Cary and Ruth Moore, Carrie and Cosme Pacot, Ann Pitstick, Al Smithson, Betty and Jack Snowden, Betty Spriggs, Lorraine Swanson, Brooks and Connie Taylor, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, 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.



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 Open House

Today after the 11:00 service 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 next 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



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.

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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.