

August 25, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

Eleventh 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. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

Guest Organist: Cheryl Harris

8:30 Lay Leader: Phil Austin

11:00 Lay Leader: Matt Annen

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 Gary and Eileen Lindley in celebraion of their 50th anniversary and by Bud and Marilyn Smith in memory of their mothers, Marian Renne and Carmen Smith Quisenberry, and in celebration of the birth of their grandson.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Holy God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Voluntary

For the Beauty of the Earth

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

Brothers and sisters, God is good,

And in love and mercy greets us here.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

This Is the Day which the Lord Hath Made

W. R. Farnell, Jr.

§ Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have our minds set on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive us and conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for 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 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

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)

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.*

The Sermon

Knowing Christ Jesus My Lord
Philippians 3:1–4:1

Rev. Campbell

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

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Frank S. Lynn

§ 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 Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 805

Come Sing to God

ELLACOMBE

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

All'Offertorio

Domenico Zipoli





Sermon Notes

Knowing Christ Jesus My Lord Philippians 3:1–4:1

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 8/25

8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	New Member Class
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC
3:00 p.m.	CNT Meeting

Tuesday 8/27

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

Wednesday 8/28

8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
10:00 a.m.	The Well Wednesday's
5:00 p.m.	Will You Grow Communication Team
6:00 p.m.	Will You Grow Steering Team
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday 8/30

9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
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Information for the September 8 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, Bud Smith, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Karl Winter, Shelby Wolfe

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, 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, Lorraine Swanson, Brooks and Connie Taylor, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright.

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

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Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

**Today begins the 4-week New Members class
at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship 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.

Luncheon for Families with Children

Luncheon for families with children in 6th grade or younger Sunday, September 1 after the 11:00 service. Come see what the children will learn about in Sunday school and KFC during the month of September. We will also have some resources available to help you as you teach your children to follow Jesus.

Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out will be Friday, September 6 and 20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your friends and come enjoy games, activities, pizza and a lesson about worship.

Update on Carter Jr. High Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

The Mission and Evangelism Team sponsored the Carter Junior High School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast for over 100 staff and teachers at 8:00 a.m. on August 13th. Food and volunteers were provided by the Friendship Class. Donations were greatly appreciated. McDonalds, Shipley Donuts and Starbucks were generous donors. It was a heartwarming time for our church and greatly appreciated by the Carter faculty.

Saints Alive Returns September 19

All seniors are invited to our gathering at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, for a potluck lunch and program. Mary Hughey Catheart will speak and show photos of the Heifer Project. Please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share with the group. We look forward to seeing everyone after our summer break. Questions, contact Bev Koch at 817-261-3202.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet the 3rd Monday each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor, beginning September 16, 2019.

The Bible Study books are in the FPCA workroom for \$10 each.



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)