

September 1, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

The Twelfth 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: Katina Gifford

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 the Formusoh family in celebration
of their daughters, Lesiga's and Konnia's birthdays.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Philippians 4:4

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

Prelude

Chorale No. 2

César Franck

Call to Worship

Lord, you have searched me and you know me; you know my sitting down and my rising up.

You discern my thoughts from afar, and you are acquainted with all my ways.

There is not a word that comes to my lips but that you, O Lord, know it altogether.

Knowledge like yours is too wonderful to me, so I give you thanks and praise.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty!

NICEA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**O God, without your power, we are lost. We have done the things we should avoid,
and what you desire, we have not done.**

**By your purifying fire, transform our lives. Guide us into honesty and compassion so that
filled with your peace, our dreams and visions may be one with yours;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25–34

New Testament page 6

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 4:2-9

New Testament page 198

The Sermon

Peace that Surpasses Understanding

Rev. McDermott

The Table

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory (8:30)

Chorale No. 2

César Franck

(11:00)

In Remembrance

Buryl Red

In remembrance of me eat this bread. In remembrance of me drink this wine.

In remembrance of me pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me heal the sick. In remembrance of me feed the poor.

In remembrance of me open the door, and let your brother in, let him in.

Take eat and be comforted. Drink and remember too,

That this is my body and precious blood shed for you.

In remembrance of me search for truth. In remembrance of me always love.

In remembrance of me don't look above, but in your heart look for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

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 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Chorale No. 2

César Franck



(12:00) Narthex @ Noon

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

Peace that Surpasses Understanding Matthew 6:25–34; Philippians 4:2–9

1. There is a difference between what I would call a legitimate and proper concern about things, and worrying.... There may be a legitimate and proper concern for a person who does not yet know the Lord in their life. Such concern usually issues forth in appropriate prayer and action by a person of faith. Worry, on the other hand, is quite _____. Worry tends to make us think we are doing something, when in fact we are doing nothing.
2. Can you imagine what the world might be like, if we were to take just some of the time, money, and energy we use on buying, preparing and serving ourselves food and drink, and put it into the work of God's kingdom? The world would be utterly transformed. Of course some of God's _____ work can be done at the table, eating with friends, family, seekers and guests, and Jesus showed us how to do that very thing. But what if we took some of that "worry" energy, and turned it into "kingdom" energy?
3. Jesus doesn't want us worrying like those who don't even believe in God. God knows what we need. The one needful thing is to strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all the food and clothing we need will be provided for us as well. So we are not to add tomorrow's worries to our load today, but rather, with a kingdom view, we focus on the legitimate and proper concerns of today, some of which have to do with the _____, but they are the proper concerns for today.
4. There is nothing in this world that deserves our worry. Liberation from worry comes as we cast our cares upon God, because prayer to God grants us freedom from our worry and anxiety. To be anxious about food and clothing and money and the future is to miss the opportunity to seek first God's Kingdom. If we find ourselves addicted to the world and our worries about it, then it begins to have _____ over us, and we fall victim to the world's allure.
5. A woman once came to her pastor after a sermon on this passage and said bluntly, "Where is this peace that surpasses understanding! I don't have it and I can't find it!" The pastor calmly reminded her that this peace can only be found when we are _____ in the path of God's will for our lives. If we are not walking in the path that God has designed for us, then we will not know this peace that surpasses understanding, because it is the very peace of God.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/1

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
12:00 p.m. Families & Children Lunch
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 9/2

**Preschool & Church Office Closed
for Labor Day**

Tuesday 9/3

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

Wednesday 9/4

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

Friday 9/6

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Information for the September 15 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, Marge Dawson, 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, Catie Wellenberger, 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

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Rich McDermott at 817-274-8286.

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. This will be a pot luck dinner.

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

Saints Alive Returns September 19

All seniors are invited to our gathering at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, in the Fellowship Hall, 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.

Luncheon for Families with Children

Luncheon for families with children in 6th grade or younger is today after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

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 today, September 1, 2019. Contact Bob Dawson (txt 214-415-5396)

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.

Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

The New Member Class continues in week two at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Back to Church Month

September is BACK TO CHURCH, BRING A FRIEND month, and September 15 is BACK TO CHURCH Sunday when we especially want people to come. Inside your bulletin you will find a "TOGETHER" invitation/engager to hand to someone that YOU invite, and more invitations are available in the Narthex. Remember: the important thing is your good relationship with the folks you are inviting: family, friends, co-workers and acquaintances. Your gentle and loving approach to them will make all the difference. Who is God prompting you to invite this month?

Important All-Church Meeting

SPECIAL EVENT IN PLACE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: On Sunday, SEPTEMBER 29, at 9:45 AM in the Sanctuary, we will host Tim Cool, of Cool Solutions, who will share with us his report for moving forward with improvements and upgrades to our building to make it significantly more family and guest friendly. The Session hired Tim to assess our facility and recommend needed improvements. Chris and Rich will also be sharing more about the importance of addressing both the current needs and the deferred maintenance of our building, and the exciting possibilities for improvements. PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US as this is an important meeting for our entire church family.

Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team

We are accepting Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT).

You can put your selections in the nomination boxes in the Narthex, outside the Chapel, outside the Fellowship Hall, in the offering plate, bring to the church office, or you can email your nominations to Maggie Johnson at: teachmepretty@yahoo.com.

Nominations for Elders, Deacons, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT)

Name of nominee: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Elder _____ Deacon _____ Trustee _____ Congregational Nominating Team _____