

September 8, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

Thirteenth 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
Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Lydia Terwilliger
11:00 Lay Leader: Judy Northup

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 Adeline Anyambod and Jerise Agha.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

*Faithful God, in Jesus you show us a way of humility and hospitality with power to transform our world. Give us the grace to love those things that please you and the courage to live them to your glory.
Amen.*

Voluntary

Old Hundredth

NAJI HAKIM

Call to Worship

God calls us to service, **rather than honor.**

God calls us to love the unknown, **rather than the familiar.**

We come to this time of worship, **trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

This Is the Day

W. R. Farnell, Jr.

§ Hymn 650

O Beauty Ever Ancient

ANCIENT BEAUTY

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude.

We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need.

We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us.

Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of love.

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 522

I Am the Bread of Life
stanza 1 only

I AM THE BREAD

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-6

New Testament page 227

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)

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

*My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!
Even so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing;
Solely because thou art my God, and my eternal King.*

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:10-23

New Testament page 199

The Sermon

The Secret of Contentment

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 (8:30)

Old Hundredth

Naji Hakim

(11:00)

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

*The creator of heaven and earth, the Alpha and Omega,
He made man in his own image, everyone must bow down.
Up on the mountain top, down in the valley below
Go and tell the love of Jesus, go and tell it everywhere.
There is no one like Jesus, nobody like him
I search here (look, turn around) no one, nobody like him.
Who is on the Lord's side, I want to know, I am on the Lord's side
The Lord is on my side, as long as I live, I am on the Lord's side.*

§ 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.**

**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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Old Hundredth

Naji Hakim



Comments for Contemplation

The Secret of Contentment Hebrews 13:1–6; Philippians 4:10–23

1. *“Nothing is so insufferable to [a human being] as to be completely at rest, without passions, without business, without diversions, without study. He then feels his nothingness, his forlornness, his insufficiency, his dependence, his _____, his emptiness.”* – Blaise Pascal
2. So we spend our lives trying to attain satisfaction, completeness, fullness and contentment but we never seem to arrive. We go on thinking that if only we had a bit more, then we would be satisfied; if we had something else, then our potential would be realized, our _____ assured, and our fulfillment achieved. People can live their entire lives believing that fullness of life will arrive with this next thing I am doing.
3. Jesus put it this way: those who would save their life will lose it, but those who lose their life for my sake will find it. We can slowly discover that love for God begins not with the desire for God, but by withholding _____ from all other things.
4. Paul, here, is claiming to have overcome that very human desire to find the fullness of life in the things of this world. He is saying that the secret of contentment is found “in him who strengthens me,” meaning in his Lord, Jesus Christ. Whether he is well-fed or hungry, whether he has plenty or is in need, he does not worry, he does not fret, he does not _____ that his own ingenuity will solve all his problems.
5. The problem with this culture is that, because it is mostly about personal happiness and income and worldly goods and success, it leaves little to no room for the divine presence of God to invade our space. We are so busy getting to where we think we need to be, whether it is the job we want, or the places we want to go, or the people we want to see, that we have great difficulty attending to the emptiness and the withholding of ourselves that is _____ for us to be still and know that God is God.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/8

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
12:15 p.m. CMM Lunch
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC
2:00 p.m. CNT Meeting

Monday 9/9

3:30 p.m. Kids Beam Club -Blanton

Tuesday 9/10

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Wednesday 9/11

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 9/12

4:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
6:45 p.m. Team Meeting Night

Friday 9/13

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the September 22 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.

Box Tops Update

Thanks to everyone who has been collecting Box Tops! During the 2018-2019 school year, FPCA collected about 850, or about \$85 worth of Box Tops for Carter Junior High and Blanton Elementary!

This school year the Box Tops program is transitioning to a mobile app where Box Tops are earned digitally by scanning your store receipt. Here are the steps to using the Box Tops app:

- * Download the app from the Apple App store or Google Play.
- * Register your account and link it to Carter or Blanton Elementary (The app will ask for an email address and your name).
- * Scan your receipt in the app within 14 days of purchase.

In the meantime, paper labels will be accepted until they are gone. (In fact, currently Box Tops is awarding double credit, both online and in the app, when you scan your receipt for a product with a paper label.) Box Tops labels are found on the tops and sides of various General Mills packages. Each label is worth 10-cents for K-8 schools. You can turn these in to the orange "Box Tops" shoeboxes located in the church office and the Fellowship Hall entrance hallway. Please check the expiration date since expired Box Tops do not count. Also, please trim the label if possible to make sorting and processing easier. Feel free to email Laura.Farnell@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for taking the time to help our local schools.

Children's Music Ministries

This Sunday is the kickoff for children's and youth music. Anyone who is interested in participating or learning more can join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service today. Rehearsals are from 12:45 to 1:45 for children ages 4 (PK) through 12th grade.

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.

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.

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.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class for any youth 7th-12th grade will begin on Sunday, September 29th at 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in The Well Lounge youth room. Please email Adrian Rodriguez at adrian@firstprestexas.org if you have a student that would like be confirmed.

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 _____