

September 15, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

Fourteenth 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: Clay Carlisle

11:00 Lay Leader: Clay Carlisle

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 Florence Ngwa in celebration
of her daughter Edrea Akosu's birthday.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Lord, you call us to lay down our burdens and find rest in a relationship with you. Help us to learn from you how to be gentle and humble of heart, that our burdens may be light. Amen.

Voluntary

Elevation

Paul Benoit

Call to Worship

Come, all you who carry heavy burdens, and Christ will give you rest.

For he is gentle and humble in heart; in him we find rest for our souls.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

We Have Come to Worship You

DAVID DAVIDSON

§ Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

God of love and compassion, you have come into the world and yet we have not recognized you.

Forgive our lack of insight and open our eyes to see you here and now, that we may receive your grace through Jesus Christ our 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 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

THY WORD

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:25–27

New Testament page 12

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) Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord Felix Mendelssohn
*Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.
He never will suffer the righteous to fall. He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great; and far above the heavens.
Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.*

Scripture Reading John 1:14–18 New Testament page 92

The Sermon Revealed 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 I Need Thee Every Hour Robert Lowry

§ 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 Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

Postlude In My Beloved God Georg Böhm





Comments for Contemplation

Revealed Matthew 11:25–27; John 1:14–18

1. God wants us to reveal ourselves and to be honest before Him, because, while He is hidden from our senses, He has already revealed Himself to us, even if it is in a veiled manner. Christians, in order to receive and perceive God, must do more than think about God. We must humble ourselves before God, and submit to the Lord, in prayer, in _____, in love and in devotion.
2. “In scripture the living God encounters human beings, speaking to them, testing them, commanding them, and showing mercy to them. [So]...God is always subject, never object, though Christians believe that God has accommodated himself to our sinful and finite existence and objectified himself in Jesus Christ. God makes himself known to his people but God is never an object for human beings to observe and _____. ...God is never an object that we can control, manipulate, study or analyze.” [John Leith]
3. In other words, Christians do not believe that wise people have thought deeply and come up with a good god to believe in (although that seems to be what people think more and more in these days). Rather, God has been revealed in creation, in history, through the patriarchs, through the prophets, through the Old and New Testaments and ultimately in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ as those scriptures bear _____ to him.
4. Just as an infant humbly receives nearly all that it encounters, so also must the follower of Christ. It is God’s gracious will that one’s education does not determine one’s ability to respond to Christ in faith. Rather, the love and good news of Jesus is available to the simple and the wise, the poor and the rich, the young and the old, the naïve and the experienced. But if _____ is not a component of the recipient, then Jesus’ love and grace fall off like rain on a windshield.
5. How well do you reveal yourself to those around you? Have you discovered the joy of someone who knows you inside and out, all of your flaws and your sins, and yet loves you in spite of all of those things? Jesus is such a person. If you can be _____ with God and reveal yourself to him, then by God’s grace, even grace upon grace, Jesus will reveal the Father to you. For we worship a God who reveals himself to those who trust him.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/15	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
Monday 9/16	3:30 p.m.	Kids Beach Club -Blanton
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 9/17	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
Wednesday 9/18	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Ring of Praise Handbells
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 9/19		Preschool Picture Day
	11:30 a.m.	Saints Alive
	4:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Friday 9/20		Preschool Picture Day
	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out
Saturday 9/21		Preschool
	5:30 p.m.	Back to School Picnic

Information for the September 29 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, Grace Broekhuizen, Vannah Caylor, Frank and Allena Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Marge Dawson, Michael Deardorff, The Farnell Family, Don Farrell, 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, 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.

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Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will resume the Bible Study this Monday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the church Parlor. Study Guides are \$10 and are in the church workroom. If you have not picked one up yet, they will be available on Monday. We will do a potluck, so bring a favorite dish. There will be a sign-up sheet for teaching and for meals. Please consider helping out.

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.

Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out will be Friday, September 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.

FPCA Vision for the Future

SPECIAL EVENT IN PLACE OF **ADULT** 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.

Confirmation Class - Date Change

Confirmation Class for any youth 7th-12th grade will begin on Sunday, October 6th 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.

Presbyterian Children's Homes Lunch and Rangers Game

You are invited to join in welcoming PCHAS foster and single parents families as well as Itasca youth as they come for the Ranger ballgame Sunday 9/29/19. 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. We only have tickets if there are some 'no shows.'

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 _____