

September 29, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

Sixteenth 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: Jamee Shroyer

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 David and Isobel Peden
in celebration of 38 years of marriage.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

*Ever-present God, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will,
what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Voluntary (8:30)

Suite No. 5
Sundoo Ibarra, viola

J. S. Bach

(11:00)

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Dale Wood

Call to Worship

You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

C.O. BECK

§ Hymn 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world.

We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.

We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care.

We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people that are different from us.

We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting.

Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

Community Joys and Events

Minute for Mission

Bob Dawson

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading	John 4:7–30, 39–42	New Testament page 95
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)	Salvation Is Created	Pavel Tschesnokoff
	<i>Salvation is created in the midst of the earth, O God, our God. Alleluia.</i>	
Scripture Reading	Romans 12:1–3	New Testament page 161
The Sermon	Transformed	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)	Gavotte No. 1 and 2 Sundoo Ibarra, viola	J. S. Bach
(11:00)	Just as I Am, Without One Plea	Dale Wood

§ 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, Question 54

What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

**I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith.
And of this community I am and always will be a living member. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 806	I’ll Praise My Maker	OLD 113TH
§ Charge and Benediction	the congregation joins hands	
Postlude	How Excellent Is Thy Name	Tim Doran





Comments for Contemplation

Transformed John 4:7–30, 39–42; Romans 12:1–3

1. Without the existence of an all-knowing moral Governor of the universe, the Divine Judge and Arbiter, Adams argued, there can be no right or wrong, only subjective opinion, whim, and desire. Turning from God is a recipe for a moral chaos in which no appeal to reason prevails, a world in which brute _____ decides what is right and wrong. Belief in God brings moral light into the darkness, and calls for fidelity to truth.
2. “Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always _____ you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, and develops well-formed maturity in you.” [Romans 12:2-3, *The Message*]
3. Last week we asked if we are being saved and what it means to be saved, or justified and put into a right relationship with God. Today we are looking at a similar but not identical question. Are you a follower of Jesus who is being conformed to the world around us, shoved into the _____ of our culture and what it says is important, or are you being transformed by the renewing of your mind and discerning what is the will of God, as it says in the NRSV?
4. Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4 is also a story of transformation. It is truly an amazing story. Jesus boldly speaks to her in the middle of the day, although she is likely a woman of ill repute coming at that hour. The disciples are stunned he is speaking with her, but didn’t ask what he was doing. He talks to her about living water, and not having to _____ anymore. She is amazed that as a Jew he is speaking with a woman of Samaria.
5. What would Jesus say about our transformation as a congregation? Do we worship God in Spirit and in truth, and do we know how to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, showing our spiritual worship in our everyday lives? Are we listening to the right _____ in our lives?

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/29

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. FPCA's Vision for the Future
9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. PCHAS Lunch
12:15 p.m. CMM Lunch
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 9/30

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

Tuesday 10/1

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 10/2

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
6:00 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
6:00 p.m. The Well -All City Worship
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 10/3

6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Friday 10/4

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

Saturday 10/5

9:00 a.m. Walk to End Alzheimer's

Information for the October 13 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

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Happening Today - FPCA's Vision for the Future

SPECIAL EVENT IN PLACE OF **ADULT** SUNDAY SCHOOL will be today 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.

Presbyterian Children's Homes Lunch and Rangers Game

Today we welcome the Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services youth and foster families. The lunch will be at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and then off to the Rangers game.

Confirmation Class

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.

FESTIVAL OF CHURCH MUSIC – Sunday, October 13, 2019

The FPCA Chancel Choir will be among 21 area church choirs participating in the Festival of Church Music at the Meyerson Symphony Center, Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 7P. The Festival conductor is Eric Nelson, conductor of the Atlanta Master Chorale. The festival also features Bradley Welch, who serves as Resident Organist with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Cynthia Knott, the Artistic Director of the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas who will conduct the Children's Chorus. Tickets for the event ranged from \$10 to \$20 with Children 12 and under free in the Dress Circle and Grand Tier with the purchase of two adult tickets.

As with the previous festival, a bus will be leaving the FPCA parking lot around 5:30P to take people who do not wish to drive to Dallas. There is no cost to passengers and the bus should return around 9:30PM. If you would like to attend the concert, please call George Morey (email: gpmorey@att.net; phone: (817) 275-4699) or the Church Office to purchase tickets and/or reserve space on the bus.

Music Ministry

Interested in leading worship through music?
Join the Chancel Choir,
Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble,
Agape Youth choir, or Children's Music Ministries!

Contact Russell Farnell for information:

817-274-8286 or
russell@firstprestexas.org

Kids Night Out

On Friday, October 4, Kids Night Out will meet at 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your friends and come enjoy games, activities, pizza and a Bible lesson.

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