

October 6, 2019

# First Presbyterian Church

## The Seventeenth 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: Jonathan Terwilliger

# *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 Robert and Tina Blashy Paulk  
in memory of Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Blashy.

## **Gathering**

Preparation for Worship

*When we come to worship, we should anticipate God's revealed presence. We should look for His hand at work, listen for His voice, and be sensitive to the leadership of His spirit.*

Prelude

Christ My Lord, God's Only-Begotten Son

Marcel Dupré

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

**All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.**

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Gracious God, we use a lot of words but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. We are blessed with grace, but we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.**

**Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us as we proclaim You as our Lord and our God. 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 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God  
All stanzas

TRENTHAM

Community Joys and Events

## **Proclaiming**

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-23

New Testament page 115

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

Matthew 28:16–20

New Testament page 34

The Sermon

Sent

Rev. McDermott

## *The Table*

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory (8:30)

Praeludium in C Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

(11:00)

Once for All

Russell Farnell

*Once, only once, and once for all, his precious life he gave;  
Before the cross in faith we fall, and own it strong to save.*

*“One offering, single and complete,” with lips and hearts we say;  
But what he never can repeat he shows forth day by day.*

*For as the priest of Aaron’s line within the holiest stood,  
and sprinkled all the mercy shrine with sacrificial blood;*

*So he, who once atonement wrought, our priest of endless power  
presents himself for those he bought in that dark noon-tide hour.*

*His essence pleads where now it lives on heaven’s eternal throne,  
and where in mystic rite he gives his presence to his own.*

*And so we show thy death, O Lord, til thou again appear;  
And as we seek to be restored we have a table here.*

*Once, only once, and once for all.*

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 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Praeludium in C Major

Dieterich Buxtehude



# 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

Sent John 20:19–23; Matthew 28:16–20

1. But the journey which our youth-worshipping culture sells us has many paths that end in self-centeredness or even in narcissism, the inordinate love of self. This has tragic consequences for the Body of Christ, and the problem seems to span the age ranges. These days, it seems, \_\_\_\_\_ is not limited to the young or to any particular age. Maturity is always a spiritual process, and it is essential to being made into a true disciple of Jesus Christ.
2. How do we contextualize the message of Jesus to reach those who say they would never set foot in a church building, who say they have no interest in considering the claims of Christ, who say that they have no need of a Savior because they don't need saving? How do we grow from being not only *disciples*, or students and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, to also being *apostles*, meaning those who are commissioned and *sent* by Jesus?
3. In the vision of the prophet Isaiah, chapter six, which we did not read today, Isaiah sees the Lord, high and lifted up. And he is awestruck by his own sinfulness before the holy God, confessing it, and receiving forgiveness. Then he hears the Lord say, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah responds, "Here am I. Send me." We tend to think that this is a \_\_\_\_\_ for prophets only, or for missionaries and pastors only. But in truth, God is asking the same question of American Christians today.
4. You see, many of the disciples found a way to watch from a distance while Jesus was being crucified. They watched the large nails or spikes that were driven into his wrists in order to keep his body hanging on the cross. And after he had died, they watched the soldier confirm Jesus' death by stabbing him in the side with a \_\_\_\_\_, and saw that blood and water came out, indicating that he had been dead for some time. Now, the holes in his wrists and his side were identifying marks for the disciples to know that it really was Jesus who was appearing to them.
5. Jesus says *all authority in heaven and on earth* has been given to him. The only person who could make such a statement would be a person who has just been raised from the dead, and that's what Jesus is. Believe it or not, our government, and all governments, are \_\_\_\_\_ to Him. One day every person and every nation will give account to Him. Those who bear false witness, those who steal, those who are corrupt, and all of us as well, will answer to Jesus.

## ***This week @ FPCA***

Sunday 10/6

8:30 a.m.           Worship in Chapel  
9:45 a.m.           Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.           Confirmation Class  
11:00 a.m.          Worship in Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m.       Families & Children Lunch  
12:15 p.m.          CNT Meeting  
12:15 p.m.          CMM Lunch  
12:45 p.m.       Children's Music Ministries  
2:00 p.m.            PCGRC

Monday 10/7

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

Tuesday 10/8

9:00 a.m.       Senior Flexibility Class  
6:30 p.m.       HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 10/9

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 10/10

4:00 p.m.       Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 p.m.       HOPE Tutoring  
6:45 p.m.       Team Meeting Night

Friday 10/11

9:00 a.m.       Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the October 20 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.

## ***Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community***

**Come be a part of the 4-week New Members class starting Sunday, October 27, 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 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.

## Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class begins today for any youth 7th-12th grade at 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in The Well Lounge youth room. Please email Adrian Rodriguez at [adrian@firstprestexas.org](mailto: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](mailto:gpmorey@att.net); phone: (817) 275-4699) or the Church Office to purchase tickets and/or reserve space on the bus.

## Saints Alive

Saints Alive will be Thursday, October 17, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## The Thanksgiving Baskets are Coming!

**October 27** is the Kick-Off Sunday to sign up to bring food for Thanksgiving Baskets. First Presbyterian Church is again joining Arlington Charities in feeding those who, otherwise, may not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. The Mission and Evangelism Team set a goal of: **225 Baskets**.

Please sign up outside the Fellowship Hall, outside the Chapel or in the Red Hall. You can sign up as an individual, family, or a group. After you sign up please take your numbered Basket Sheet with the requested list of food items and the attached envelope for the pie crust and turkey donation.

Again this year you may bring the food items in your own grocery bags you have on hand. Please return your numbered Basket Sheet and attached envelope along with your food items to the Fellowship Hall on or before **Sunday, November 17**. You can also help by bringing any extra food items as over 900 families are fed by Arlington Charities. These families are Arlington citizens and they are families who can't make ends meet. Each bag feeds one family so they can celebrate Thanksgiving together at home.

Thanks - The Mission and Evangelism Team

## Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26, 2019

4:00-6:00 PM in the South Parking Lot

Trunk or Treat is an outreach project of FPCA to provide a safe place for children and families to participate in a special shared activity. We need many volunteers to make this gathering successful. Look for sign up sheets on bulletin boards at church or call Sheri Quick at 817-451-8586 or email: [sheriq@aol.com](mailto:sheriq@aol.com).

Treats or prizes can be donated in the church office or given to Kyle Terwilliger. Last year we had about 300 people attending!

Please consider helping us by:

- \* Decorating a trunk and passing out treats
- \* Donating treats or prizes for games
- \* Assisting in monitoring activities and games
- \* Serving hot dogs and lemonade
- \* Talking to the attendees and smiling at the children