

October 13, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

Eighteenth 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. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Samuel Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: Jim C Quick

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 Homer and Joan Reynolds, in celebration
of their 15th wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

God, Sower of seeds, be at work among us, we pray, that your church may thrive in faithfulness. Whether we are the size of a tall cedar or are a small sprig, it does not matter. You are able to put us to good use. Not by our efforts, but by your power and grace we bear fruit, produce boughs of spacious welcome. You can make even a dry tree flourish! Even we can become a new creation! Urge us on, then, in the love of Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

Voluntary

On This Day the Son of God Triumpheth

MARCEL DUPRÉ

Call to Worship

Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

The kingdom of God is growing.

While we sleep and rise night and day:

The kingdom of God is growing.

The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

The kingdom of God is growing.

Let us worship God!

Introit (11:00)

Alleluia 7

from Taizé

§ Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom. Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith. Forgive us, Lord. We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless. We do not sacrifice ourselves for the need of our neighbors. Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. 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 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14–21

New Testament page 193

Children's Time (11:00)

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 216.

Anthem (8:30)

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord
Cassandra Kirby, Soprano Shina Heo, Piano

Felix Mendelssohn

(11:00)

Let All the World In Every Corner Sing

R. Vaughn Williams

*Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.*

*Let all the world in every corner sing,
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
The Church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
My God and King. Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King.*

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:30–32

New Testament page 38

The Sermon

Sowing Generosity

Rev. Campbell

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)

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Johann Sebastian Bach

(11:00)

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

*Whom shall I send, who will go for me? Oh Father, send me, I will go.
The road is dreary, the road is rocky, whom shall I send? Oh Father, send me, I will go.
I'm gonna go wherever you want me to go; I'm gonna pray wherever you want me to pray
I am gonna heal the sick, I'm gonna cast demons out of men.
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.*

§ 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 Apostles' Creed

**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 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Prelude in E Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach



Sermon Notes

Sowing Generosity

Ephesians 3:14–21; Mark 4:30–32

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 10/13

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
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC

Monday 10/14

**Preschool Closed for
Columbus Day**

Tuesday 10/15

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

Wednesday 10/16

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 10/17

11:30 a.m.	Saints Alive
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
6:30 p.m.	Sigma Alpha Iota American Musicales

Friday 10/18

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

Information for the October 27 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.

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

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.

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.

Saints Alive Meets October 17

Danny Ray will be joining us for Saints Alive this month which we will all enjoy. He sings country, gospel and folk music. So fix a dish to share and come and have some fun. We will meet on Thursday, October 17, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class for any youth 7th-12th grade meet 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 to be confirmed.

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.

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