

November 10, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Generosity Commitment Sunday



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: Phil Austin

11:00 Lay Leader: Betsy McDermott

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 Jay Graham in gratitude and in honor of the birthdays of his beloved wife Susan and his beloved US Marine Corps, both born on November 10.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Gracious Lord, our labors are in vain unless you labor with us, O God.

Continue to bless the work of our hands, that we might labor for the glory of your name alone, through your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Voluntary

Holy Ground

Tim Doran

Call to Worship

The Lord is our dwelling place,

A home of peace and plenty.

The Lord is our dwelling place,

A refuge when trouble is near.

The Lord is our dwelling place,

A temple that will stand forever.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Jacques Berthier

§ Hymn 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Holy God, you gave us your only Son, yet we fail to give you our very best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need.

Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of 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 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

New Testament page 182

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)

It Is Well

arr. Eric Nelson

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

*He lives, oh, the bliss of that glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.*

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

New Testament page 183

The Sermon

The Promise

Rev. McDermott

Responding

Committing Ourselves and Our Resources to the Lord's Kingdom Work at FPCA for 2020

Song of Commitment

We Are an Offering

OFFERING

The congregation sings when invited.

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you. We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives, they are yours. We are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you. We give to you.*

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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)

Give Thanks

Tim Doran

(11:00)

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

*I have the light of God in me. I have the Spirit of the Son of God.
Be my witness there in my Father's kingdom. You will be my witness.
Up on the mountain top. Down in the valley below.
Go and tell the love of Jesus. Go and tell it everywhere.*

§ 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.**

Sending

§ Hymn 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Fuga con Corale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



Sermon Notes

The Promise

2 Corinthians 8:1-7; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 11/10

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. New Member Class
9:45 a.m. Confirmation 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 11/11

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

Tuesday 11/12

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

Wednesday 11/13

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
5:15 p.m. Preschool Team Meeting
6:00 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
6:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Steering
 Team Mtg
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 11/14

6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
6:45 p.m. Team Meeting Night
7:00 p.m. Hunter Hendrickson Recital
8:00 p.m. Reception for Hunter
 Hendrickson

Friday 11/15

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

Turned bulletin info. to Kim 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, Craig Poindexter, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Joan and Homer Reynolds, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Karl Winter

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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Will You Grow? Commitment Sunday

Today is the day! During worship you will receive an Estimate of Giving Card. We will then take prayerful time to discern and faithfully answer the question - Will You Grow?

Thank you for prayerfully committing to a new level of discipleship and in giving to the Lord's kingdom work being done here at FPCA.

Senior Voice Recital: Hunter Hendrickson

7:00 p.m. Thurs., November 14 in the Sanctuary

FPCA music intern, Hunter Hendrickson, tenor, performs music vocal solos as part of his bachelor of music degree.

Admission is free.

A reception in the Parlor following.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Monday Night Women's Bible Study meets in the Parlor the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. 6-6:30 is a light meal and fellowship and 6:30-7:30 is the lesson. November 18, Chapter 2 of our study guide will be led by Helen Moulton. All women invited. A \$2 donation is accepted for the meal. Questions? Contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com).

Thanksgiving Baskets

It's time 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

Thanksgiving Dinner

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Team will provide meat and dessert.

If your last name starts with:

A through G Bring vegetables

H through O Bring salad

P through Z Bring potatoes or dressing

If you are willing to help, please call Ed Ayers at 817-602-1686 or James Gifford at 817-881-3990 for more information. A little assistance in the kitchen would also be greatly appreciated.

We will provide every kitchen volunteer with a lovely blue apron.

Decorate the Church Saturday, November 30th

Join in getting the church ready for the Advent season by hanging the garlands, Christmons, and other decorations throughout the church beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Saints Alive

Saints Alive will meet on Thursday, November 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. David Lieber will give our program.