

January 19, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany



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: Suzie McCoy

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 Bob and Bev Koch in celebration of their 61st
wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Isaiah 29:13-14a

The Lord said: Because these people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote; so I will again do amazing things with this people, shocking and amazing.

Voluntary

I Need Thee Every Hour

Robert Lowry

Call to Worship

Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our Maker.

This is our God, our shepherd, we are the flock led with care.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing!

MARION

§ Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICEA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness.

Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word, save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; 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 634

To God Be the Glory

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Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:1-8

New Testament page 42

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)

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Gordon Young

*Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.*

Sing Alleluia!

*All ye servants of the Lord, Praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, Praise Him forever,
Sing of his righteousness, Praise Him forever.*

*So let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.*

Sing Alleluia!

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:14-23

New Testament page 42

The Sermon

The Priority of the Heart

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

Adagio from Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

§ 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

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all
things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's
purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things
present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso from Sonata No. 5

Felix Mendelssohn



Comments for Contemplation

The Priority of the Heart Mark 7:1-8, 14-23

1. Any tradition that genuinely helps to preserve the core beliefs and foundations of a community or a family is worth trying to preserve in my mind. On the other hand, if a tradition has lost all connection to its “reason for being” that tradition may actually work against the preservation of _____ and the renewal of a given community. This is especially true in the Church.
2. Have we given our hearts to our traditions or have we given our hearts to the Lord of those traditions? If we give our hearts to the Lord of those traditions then there is hope that our traditions can be redeemed and renewed. But if it is to the traditions themselves that we give our hearts, then we have committed _____.
3. The Mishnah described in elaborate and minute detail the various ways one could become unclean, or the plates and vessels that you use can become unclean. And without giving you the specifics, suffice it to say that the instructions had more to do with ritual than with cleanness and had nothing to do with one’s _____ with God.
4. Jesus confronts them with their own principles: a hollow vessel needed to be clean on the inside as well as the outside. Jesus agrees only as it applies to human beings. We must be clean on the inside in order for us to be clean on the outside. Or, in other words, our hearts must be right with God in order for our _____ to be glorifying to God.
5. Friends, where is your heart when it comes to knowing the heart of our Lord and the purpose of worship? What traditions are tempting you to idolatry? Are you ready to offer your attitudes, your actions and your heart up to the Lord Jesus and to ask him to transform your heart into his likeness? Let us not make our traditions into _____.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 1/19

8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Larry Thomas
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	CMM Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Steering Team Meeting
12:45 p.m.	Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC

Monday 1/20

Preschool Closed for MLK Holiday
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday 1/21

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

Wednesday 1/22

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 1/23

4:10 p.m.	Wyldlife
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

Friday 1/24

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

Saturday 1/25

5:30 p.m.	Roundtable
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Information for the February 2 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, Vannah Caylor, Frank and Allena Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, 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, Allen Ray, 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, Shirley Bragg, 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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Martin Luther King Service

There will be a Martin Luther King Service tonight at 6:00 p.m. at:

First Baptist Church
301 South Center St
Arlington, TX 76010
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Financial Peace University

Do you have a New Year's resolution? Wondering how you're going to budget for the commitment you made during the generosity campaign? Want to give even more? What about that charity you've always wanted to give to? Do you want to give beyond your wildest dreams? Come find out how in Financial Peace University (FPU), the nine-lesson course that gives you the proven plan to master budgeting, pay off debt, build wealth, and give generously. The course centers around lessons taught by Dave Ramsey, Chris Hogan and Rachel Cruze, followed by small group discussions. FPU includes your member workbook as well as one year of free access to Financial Peace Membership, where you'll find tons of online resources to help you start winning with money. Contact Katina Gifford at 817-565-3835 for more info. Sign-up for the discounted rate of \$99 at: fpu.com/1103945.

Saturdays, Feb. 1, 2020 - March 28, 2020

Location: Parlor, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Scholarships and childcare available upon request

Join Us for a Saturday Morning at PCHAS

I hope you enjoyed Christmas and have a wonderful start of the new year! Kandi and Kristy have scheduled life skills classes for the moms in the SPF program for 2020, so I wanted to go ahead and get the dates for the next few months out to you so you can pencil us in on your calendar.

We will be in need of volunteers to help with childcare at the Waxahachie campus in the Learning Center/ Recreation Room on the following Saturday mornings from 9:15 AM-12:15 PM:

*2/1	*3/14
*2/15	*3/28

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be June 8-12 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for children 4 years old to 6th grade. The theme is Focus: Take a Closer Look. The theme verse is Hebrews 12:2a *"Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And He is the one who completes the journey of faith."*

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, January 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.
We will be studying Chapter 4.

Rev. Larry Thomas in Fellowship Hall: Christian Theology in the 20th and Early 21st Centuries

The Theological Inquiries and Indagators Sunday School Classes will host the Reverend Dr. Larry Thomas in the Fellowship Hall for four Sundays thru February 2. Larry's topic will be evolution of Christian theology since the start of the 20th century. Larry's talk will begin at 9:30AM. Everyone is invited.

You Are INVITED!

Join us for a meal and conversation as we share and celebrate the change to which Jesus calls us at FPCA. At these important capital campaign gathering, you will learn more about what has led us here, our next steps, and how we will move forward together.

If you plan to attend the Roundtable on Saturday, January 25, at 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, please RSVP Kim Lewis at the church office at 817-274-8286.

Childcare is provided if requested.

Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out is January 24, February 7 and February 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Children can come and enjoy games/activities, pizza, a Bible lesson and spending time with friends. Parents can enjoy a couple of hours for their own Parents Night Out.

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