

September 27, 2020

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.

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

The Worship of God

11:00 a.m.

The greenery is offered to the Glory of God.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Please silence all phones and devices

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

*God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Gracious and Merciful God: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In the midst of this pandemic we have not always followed where you are leading us.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may more perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask it, Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Anthem	Be Thou My Vision Cassandra Kirby, soprano	Bob Chilcott
First Scripture Reading	Ephesians 1:3–10	New Testament page 192
Second Scripture Reading	Exodus 3:7–10	Old Testament page 50
The Sermon	Election 2020 (Part 2)	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.**

§ 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

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude	Allegro from K. 594	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
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Sermon Notes

Election 2020 (Part 2)

Ephesians 1:3–10; Exodus 3:7–10

Offering

If you would like to give your tithes and offerings in person today, please use the envelope provided in the bulletin. You can drop the envelope off in the offering plate while departing the sanctuary when the service is completed. Please feel free to continue giving as you have during this time whether that is mailing checks or giving online. We are most thankful for your generous support!

Important Hygiene Information to Remember

For now, in order to keep our church gatherings safe during the era of the coronavirus, remember, please:

1. If you are sick, stay home.
2. If your health is compromised, stay home.
3. Wash your hands with soap and water (20 seconds) regularly throughout the day, and especially before gathering.
4. Minimize touches to your face.
5. Wear a face covering and maintain social distance from those outside your family.
6. Use hand sanitizer if hand washing is unavailable.

At this point in time, we believe these are the appropriate measures to take, and we urge you to continue to come to worship and praise the Lord as one Body in Christ. We realize these may need to change in the future. Thank you for your understanding.

Fall & Winter Youth Ministry Plan

It has been a blessing to see how our youth ministry continues to maneuver through this pandemic with grace! We know that ministry for our youth will continue to look a little different during this season, but we will continue to press forward. Go to this link: tiny.cc/xjoxsz to see what we have planned for the youth ministry this fall and winter.

Blessings in Christ,
Adrian Rodriguez

Technology Assistance Available

If you or someone you know needs assistance using platforms like Zoom or Google Meet, please send an email to Kim Lewis at kim@firstprestexas.org to let us know by Monday, September 28th. We have church members and staff willing to help those in our church family. This can include downloading and installing software as well as instructions on how to setup and use these. We know how important it will be for everyone to remain as connected as possible and we plan on using these platforms more regularly in the months to come. We are here to help!

Moment for Hope Invitation

CAN YOU DO A MOMENT FOR HOPE? Would you like to try doing a Moment For Hope? As you probably know, we encourage our people from FPCA to reflect upon a hopeful passage taken from Scripture. It is a 3-5 minute recording of yourself, using your smartphone turned sideways, which then you can upload to Google Drive on your phone and share with eric@firstprestexas.org (Eric Gottmann, our social media director). If you are interested in giving it a try, we can help you. Please volunteer by sending an email to Kim Lewis, kim@firstprestexas.org. Thank you so much!

FPCA September Newsletter

Don't forget to pick up your copy of the September Newsletter in the Narthex and outside the Chapel.

Please send articles to: thenews@firstprestexas.org.

The Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

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