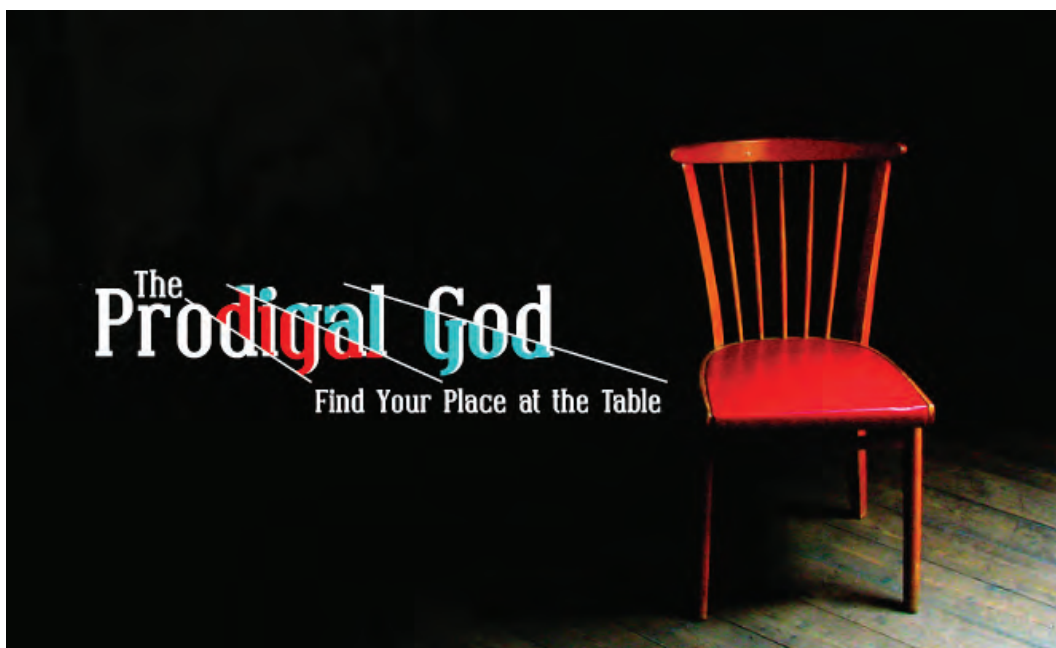


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ARLINGTON

January 29, 2012



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

We, as the Church, are the Body of Christ equipped through prayer by the Holy Spirit to glorify God; through passionate worship, nurturing fellowship, sacrificial service, respectful evangelism, and active discipleship, we encourage and challenge all ages of our congregation and community to grow in relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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WORSHIP INFORMATION:

There are large print worship bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles available from the ushers. We also have hearing enhancement devices.

Prayer cards can be found in each pew. Please fill one out and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed this morning.

Refreshments are available before worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery Care is available in our nursery from 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church.

If you are a guest with us today, we are glad that you are here!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us! Today we are in week three of a five week exploration of the "Lost" parables in the Gospel of Luke. Last week we looked at the the third parable, the Lost Son, to see what we could learn from the story of the younger son and the father's response. Today we will look at the elder son and the father's response. This study is going to challenge us to rethink what it means to be a faith community. There is a place for you at the feast table. The question is, "Will you come join the celebration?" We hope that this will be a challenging and inspiring series.

Here at FPCA we value relationships - our relationship with God, with one another, and with the world.

Knowing that, we invite you to take a minute and fill out the friendship pad in your pew and pass it along to others around you. Not only does this let us know you were here and give us some insight into how we might serve you better, but it allows those around you to feel a little more connected as we join in worship together, not just next to one another.

If you do not currently have a church family, we would love for you to consider becoming part of our family here on South Collins.

Thank you for worshiping with us. Have a blessed day!

JANUARY 29, 2012

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

* Invites all to stand that are able.

**Please sign and pass the friendship pad,
which is found at the outside edge of each pew.**

INTROIT 11:00 Come Worship God | Michael Bedford

*Come worship God this holy day,
come lift your voice to praise and pray.
Come bring your gifts of joy and love
to honor God who reigns above.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 139

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and know us.

People: Before we move or think or speak, you know our actions and our words.

Leader: You breathed life into us, and shaped us in human form to serve your purpose and sing your praise.

People: We praise you for the gifts of substance and spirit, of acceptance and expectancy, of lineage and legacy.

Leader: How wonderful are your thoughts, O God!

People: How vast is the expanse of your grace and love!

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

***HYMN PAGE 7 (of bulletin)** Shall They Pretend to Pleasure

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, why isn't life fair?

We confess that we follow rules expecting a reward, hoping that if we just say, believe, or do the right thing, you will love us, help us, or save us.

But fairness does not seem to be your goal.

so easy to forget who you created and called us to be, to Help us to see beyond fairness to justice, beyond rule-following to relationship with you, beyond envy and resentment to love and wholeness.

*SILENT CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***SONG OF ASSURANCE**

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, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 66:1-4, 16-20

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

All the children are invited to join Pastor Rob at the front of the sanctuary/chapel. At 11:00 a.m, Kids (3 years to kindergarten) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in **room 216** following this time together.

ANTHEM Make Me a Blessing | arr. R. Farnell

Commissioned by Jennifer Schwettmann and Rev. Sophie Draffin in honor of FPCA children and youth volunteers.

*Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.
Make me a blessing, make me a blessing;
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.
Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love,
Tell of His pow'r to forgive;
Others will trust Him if only you prove
True every moment you live.
Give as 'twas given to you in your need,
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,
Unto your mission be true.*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:11-32

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

**The Prodigal God - Week 3
The Assault on Unity...**

CALL TO OFFERING

And now, not because we have to, but because we are grateful, let us return to God what is ours to share. Let us joyfully offer our time, our treasure, our commitment, and our prayers.

OFFERTORY

Berceuse | Vierne

***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**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

***HYMN #7**

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & CORPORATION MEETING

***BENEDICTION & RESPONSE** (all are invited to join hands)

***VOLUNTARY**

Festival Postlude | Zipoli

The flowers are given today to the glory of God
in thanksgiving on the occasion of Bob and Bev Koch's
53rd wedding anniversary.

Lead Worshipers:

Rev. Rob McClelland, Rev. Sophie Draffin, Dr. Jim C Quick,
Jo Anne Thomson, Russell Farnell, Cheryl Harris, Agape,
Children's Music Ministries, and the Chancel Choir.

Hymn 3 - "Shall they pretend to pleasure"

John Newton

Shall they pretend to pleasure
Who never knew the LORD?
Can all the worldling's treasure
True peace of mind afford?
They shall obtain this jewel
In what their hearts desire,
When they by adding fuel
Can quench the flame of fire.

Come, turn your thoughts to JESUS,
If you would good possess;
'Tis he alone that frees us
From guilt, and from distress:
When he, by faith, is present,
The sinner's troubles cease;
His ways are truly pleasant,
And all his paths are peace.

Our time in sin we wasted,
And fed upon the wind;
Until his love we tasted,
No comfort could we find:
But now we stand to witness
His pow'r and grace to you;
May you perceive its fitness,
And call upon him too!

Our pleasure and our duty,
Though opposite before;
Since we have seen his beauty,
Are joined to part no more:
It is our highest pleasure,
No less than duty's call;
To love him beyond measure,
And serve him with our all.

PRAYER MINISTRY



IN THE HOSPITAL:

Dick Rabb and Evelyn Parker

AT HOME or IN REHAB:

Allan Poindexter (Craig and Judy Poindexter's son)

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Morgan Hamilton, Andy Andrews, Ted Dysart, Ron Forte's son, Nancy Wordsworth (Jennifer Wordsworth's mother), Laurie Bell, Ken Swanson, Margaret Frank, J Miller, Jim Scott (son-in-law of Edna Harris), Fred Tucker, Becky Speck, and Ruth Moore

IN MISSION:

Brett and Marla Shideler and their ministry with the GIAL students.

OUR FAMILY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Colin Peden (son of David and Isobel Peden) Ben Boughton (grandson of Edna Collins-Harris), Eric Dill, Jason Polk, Jeff Grimes (nephew of Sheri and Jim C. Quick), Sgt. Mike Mancini, Robbie Wallace (nephew of Kathy Perkins), Aaron Alonso (son-in-law of Karen Flynn) and James Shryock.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW CHRIST!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

On Sunday, January 29, following the 11:00 a.m. service, we will have our Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting. We will elect our new Trustee and hear about 2011 in review, while looking toward 2012. Please plan to join us! Annual Report will be in print and available by Sunday, Jan. 22. You can pick one up at worship or download it from the website on Monday, Jan. 23.

Taco Soup Luncheon

The Fellowship Team would like to invite everyone to the annual Taco Soup Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on January 29 after the 11:00 service. Come join in good food, good company and good fellowship.

The Newsletter Team is looking for writers!

If you have an interest in writing, and like to work as part of a team, then we are looking for you! The Newsletter Team sets themes and focus for the NEWS, and then looks for people who would be willing to do interviews, write articles, review books, or even “cover” an event. Dust off your journalism skills and join our Newsletter Team. Contact Kevin Chin for more information - 817-274-8286.

**NEW FPCA HANDBELL/INSTRUMENTAL
ENSEMBLE BEGINS AUDITIONS:**

The Music Ministry at FPCA will be starting a new multi-generational auditioned handbell and instrumental ensemble this year. This will be a different kind of group: not just handbells, and not just instruments. This group will play in worship services, be available to play for weddings, and do outreach representing the church in our community by ringing at retirement centers, Rangers games, and public events.

Auditions are by appointment, so please contact Russell Farnell, fpcamusic@yahoo.com, or call 817-274-8286 for more information.



LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO GET CONNECTED?

Our adult discipleship classes are a great way to plug-in and develop life-long friendships with other FPCA family members who are growing in their faith. Classes meet every Sunday morning from 9:40 to 10:40 and many also get together for fellowship outside of Sunday mornings, making them a great place to GROW and build relationships.

Here's a list of our current classes.

Family Foundations (Room 209)

This class is aimed at parents with young children. They regularly meet outside of class for gatherings and offer a great place for young families to connect. This semester, Pastor Rob and Pastor Esther will lead a study called "iMarriage" which is a discussion-based exploration of what it looks like to succeed in marriage. Contact Pastor Esther for more information: 817-274-8286, fpcaassociate@yahoo.com.

Family Living (Parlor)

The Family Living class is led by five facilitators who rotate teaching responsibilities. This class consists largely of empty-nesters – single, married and widowed – and has regular fun outings outside of class as well. This class is beginning a new study of the Beattitudes using John Stotts book on the subject. Contact Jay Graham for more information: 817-265-5448, jaygraham1410614@yahoo.com.

Friendship (Room 103)

The Friendship class meets and enjoys Bible study using the "Present Word curriculum", a Presbyterian denomination wide study based on the long standing Uniform Lesson Series for covering the entire Bible over a period of time. Contact Doyle Malone for more information: 817-274-9251.

Genesis (Room 208)

The Genesis class meets and studies a variety of topics related to applying the Scriptures to daily living. This welcoming group also schedules regular family-friendly outings together such as campouts, crawfish boils, Ranger games and bowling. The Genesis class is beginning a study of the book “Crazy Love” by Francis Chan. Contact Jeanne Chin for more information: 817-274-8286, fpca_finance@yahoo.com.

Indagators (Bride’s Room)

The Indagators Class is discussing the book, “In the Beginning” by Alister McGrath. This group meets in the Bride’s Room and Walt Williams and Carl Harris lead the class discussions. Contact Carl Harris for more information: 817-795-9773, clhkat@sbcglobal.net.

Kainos - (Room 210)

Single and married 20/30/40 somethings meet for fellowship and study every Sunday. They also get together regularly outside of Sunday mornings for fellowship. Beginning January they will begin a study of the book “When God’s People Pray” by Jim Cymbala. Contact Yvonne Mickelson for more information: 817-419-7032, ynm13@yahoo.com.

Loose Ends (Library - Room 201)

This group encompasses all ages and stages of life. Phil Austin facilitates the class discussions. They are beginning a new study on the Holy Spirit and would love for you to join them. This class, like many others, schedules monthly or quarterly get-togethers for fellowship outside of Sunday mornings. Contact John Ball for more information: 817-477-5265.

Theological Inquiries (Room 204)

The primary focus of Theological Inquiries is to study theological issues facing Christians today. The class is currently studying the Book of Proverbs. The wisdom of Solomon and other sages are just as relevant today as they were in OT times. The class will also host outside speakers from local seminaries. Contact Georg Morey for more information: Email gpmorey@att.net or phone (817) 275-4699.

Youth Corner

The WELL 2012

All 6th through 12th graders and their friends are invited to come to THE WELL as we kick off 2012 with a BANG! We will be looking at the Armor of God and what that means for you today.

Remember, dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. with The WELL following. If you have questions, call or email Sophie at fpca_youth@yahoo.com or call her at (817) 274-8286.

Save the Date for 2012 SUMMER DATES

Yes, it's only January, but it will be summer before you know it, so make sure you save these dates:

*Summer Mission Trip: **June 10-16th***

*Great Escape Junior High Trip to Gunnison, CO: **June 23-30th***

*Fun in the Sun Senior High Trip to South Padre Island: **July 8-13th***

It's going to be a good Semester!
Get ready for it and we hope to see you there!

Kids Corner

Upcoming Dates:

Family Night Out - February 3 and March 2 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time for families with children from birth to 5th grade to get together for dinner, some family activities, a Bible lesson and information about what the children will be studying in Sunday school.

Kids Night Out - February 17 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Parents can drop off their students K-5th grade for an evening of Pizza, games, skits, magic, and fun. Parents can plan a night out while we hang with your kids!

Camp KidJam is July 23-26 at Texas Women's University in Denton. Rising 3rd-6th graders will have a great time as we learn to "Crank Up The Volume" of God in our lives with Jam Sessions (kind of like church for kids), small group discussions, concerts and a choose your own fun track (mythbusters, slime labs, Lego's, drama, dance, build it, etc.). It will be amazing! Children can bring their friends.

Vacation Bible School - Mark your calendars VBS will be held June 25-29.

EVENTS CALENDAR:

Sunday, January 29	8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:35 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	TACO SOUP LUNCH
	12:00 p.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Brides Room
	4:30 p.m.	Agape Rehearsal
	4:30 p.m.	Children's Music
	6:00 p.m.	Common Meal
6:30 p.m.	The WELL	
Monday, January 30	6:00 p.m.	MPAC Mtg in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 31	11:30 a.m.	Morning Bells
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Wednesday, February 1	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Library Group
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 2	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Friday, February 3	6:30 p.m.	Family Night
Sunday, February 5	8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:35 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Super Bowl Party
Tuesday, February 7	11:30 a.m.	Morning Bells
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Wednesday, February 8	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal



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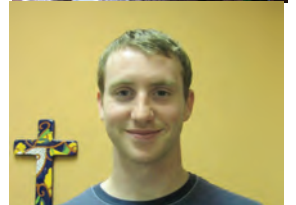
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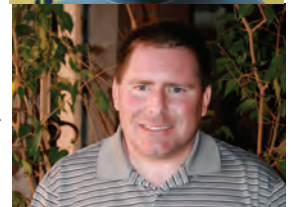
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TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Fill out form, remove and place in collection plate or hand to usher.

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Spouse's Name *(If Applicable)* _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

AM Phone _____

PM Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Best time to call (check one) AM PM

I AM: a guest a regular attender

NUMBER OF VISITS: 1st 2nd 3rd

I CAME AS THE GUEST OF: _____

I AM: a college student 18-29 in my 30's in my 40's in my 50's 60+

I AM: single a single parent engaged newly married married widowed

MY KIDS ARE: preschool k-6th junior high high school college/adults

I AM INTERESTED IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST: yes undecided

THE CHURCH INVITES YOUR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: _____

FPCA STAFF:

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