Glorify. Grow.

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.

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. Fred Babb
Organist: Susan Fuchs
Welcome

Voluntary

All My Hope on God is Founded

arr. Mark Sedio

Meditation

adapted from James 3:13-17

There are two kinds of wisdom. Wisdom born of envy and selfish ambition which causes disorder and wickedness, and wisdom from above which is pure, peaceful, and gentle.

Call to Worship (8:30)

Who will be first in the kingdom of God?
The one who is last and servant of all.

Who will be great in the realm of heaven?

The one who comes as a humble child.

Let us worship God!

Introit (11:00)

I Once Was Lost

Amazing Grace

§ Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

§ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.
We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace.
We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and least.
Forgive us, God of grace. Draw us near to you this day with the wisdom of your Word, and teach us how to serve you; 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, Amen.

§ Passing the Peace

Greet those around you with, “The peace of Christ be with you.”

§ Hymn 627

I Love You, Lord

I Love You, Lord

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:4–6

Old Testament page 683

Children’s Time (11:00)

Children age 3 to Kindergarten are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 216.
**Prayer Ministry**

**Prayers for those with health and other concerns:**
David Boice, Morgan Boles, Andrew Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Jerry Colleps, Diane Cravens, Laura Farnell, Bonnie Forte, Bobbie Fowler, Teresa Hanson, Bob Hanson, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, Bryant Hutchinson, David Irons, Carolyn Waddell Jackson, Doyle Malone, Mary Ellen Miller, Ruth Moore, Homer Reynolds, Debbie Richardson, Bella Robinson, Albert Ross, Carky Schultz, Lisa Shipman, Allen Underwood and Donna Vickers.

**Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:**
Aaron Alonso, Ben Boughton, David Caldwell, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Matthew Lopez, Mike Manci, Jack Murtha, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young and Robbie Wallace.

**Prayers for our homebound members**

**Prayers for those who do not know Christ**

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**This week @ FPCA**

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Information for the October 4 bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.
"JUNE" JUBILEE HIGH TEA

Walk to End Alzheimers

Come join fellow members of FPCA as we walk together to END Alzheimer’s. Seven family members in our congregation are newly diagnosed and others continue their battle.

Walk on Saturday, October 3rd at UTA-Maverick Activity Center. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. and walk at 8:30 a.m.

Go to www.alz.org and choose Arlington walk. Find teams and look for Team FPCA. No charge to join a team and no charge to walk.

Put on your blue FPCA shirt, your FROG shirt or your anniversary celebration shirt and come join us. Call Joan Reynolds at: 817-239-7240.

CARTER BLOODCARE is here today from 8:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. in the Blood Mobile. Help save lives by giving!

Women’s Bible Study

The Women’s Bible Study will meet on Monday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. We will be studying the book COME TO THE WATERS by Judy Record Fletcher. In this study, we will explore some of the Bible’s 800 references to water. There will be a light potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share.

New Book Study

Pastor Rich has started a new Sunday School class studying the book & video series by John Ortberg, Who is This Man? Class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. Come join us!

Sign up for the 2016 Belize Mission Trip

We are looking for 15 individuals who feel called to serve in Belize.

Our guiding vision is to Build Relationships in order to Make Disciples that Make Disciples.

The trip will be from March 13-20, 2016. Is God calling you to serve in Belize?

Contact Suzie McCoy at 817-271-5995 or email smccoybelize@gmail.com

The deadline to sign up is September 30, 2015.

Free Estate Planning for Seniors

We are offering a free Estate Planning Seminar on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Choir can come a bit early. Refreshments will be provided and you receive a free 21-page Living Will just for attending. The seminar will be conducted by James Gray, Senior Legal Assistant for the Law Offices of Jeffrey R. Hacker, P.C. in Addison, TX.
Anthem

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

Where the Shepherd’s rod may lead us, and our table doth prepare,
Safely e’er His sheep may pasture, ’neath His tender, watchful care,
Safe beneath His tender care.

Though the clouds be gathering o’er us, dark the way that lies before us,
Yet no evil shall we fear, for our Shepherd is beside us,
He will ever safely guide us with His help be ever hovering near.

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Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1–10

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The Sermon

Joy in Heaven: The Lost is Found

Rev. McDermott

Responding

§ Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of 1967

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man’s mind.
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men.
The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the
Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Offertory

Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Orlando Gibbons

Healy Willan

§ The Doxology (Hymn 606)

Old Hundredth

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.

Sending

§ Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

§ Charge and Benediction

all are invited to join hands

§ Postlude

Voluntary on “All My Hope on God is Founded”

Michael Burkhardt
**Comments for Contemplation**

Joy in Heaven: The Lost is Found  
Isaiah 53:4–6, Luke 15:1–10

1. I experience joy when my relationship with the Lord is going well and when my life is headed in the right direction, the direction that _____________ wants it to go.

2. One thing I’ve discovered though, whether it is folks inside the church or outside of the church. People are people, we all have our issues, and we are all in need of the ________________

3. Basically, Jesus was saying to the religious folks of his day: ‘You know a lot about God, but if you don’t know this, you don’t really know the ________________ of my Father.’

4. Jesus says, “Count on it—that’s the kind of party God’s angels throw every time one lost ________________ turns to God.

5. This is not an unflappable, detached, transcendent God who is mostly into himself, but a compassionate, hot-blooded, missionary God who is stirred to tears for those who have wandered and are finally alone in their lostness. He eagerly pursues, and, because of the shed blood of Christ, forgives, _________________ and heals all who turn to him.

6. We are sheep who need a shepherd, we are rebels who need a rescuer, we are people who need _________________ to seek out and save the lost.