

First Presbyterian Church of McAllen

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am—3:00 pm; Friday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Church Staff

Rev. Kathryn Escandell Pastor	Cam Henry Treasurer	Lucy Snearley Pianist
Michael A. Pullen Church Administrator	Roberto Garza II Choir Director	Adela Zamora Custodian / Nurse
Dana Friedman Clerk of Session	Beverly Bradburn Organist	

The Session

Rev. Kathryn Escandell — Moderator
Dana Friedman — Clerk

Class of 2018 Spud Brown Mike Hudler Dottie Palmer Dee Treviño	Class of 2019 Kathryn Henry Henry McElmurray Bob Simpson	Class of 2020 Tom Ball Maria Colvin-Lopez Dana Friedman Cristina Garfield
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Stated Session meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.
Session meetings are open unless in Executive Session.

Ministry Chairpersons

Fellowship—Henry McElmurray
Finance/Stewardship—Bob Simpson
Nominating—Dottie Palmer
Personnel—Dee Treviño
Property—Doug Schneider

Calling Chairpersons

Christian Education—Cristina Garfield
Congregational Care—Kathryn Henry /
Mike Hudler
Evang. & Mission—Maria Colvin-Lopez
Worship—Tom Ball

Trustees

Class of 2018—Maria Colvin-Lopez
Class of 2019—Nadine Force-Macey
Class of 2020—Vinson McLeod

All are welcome to join in the ministry of the church.

Children are welcome in worship. Childcare is provided for infants through kindergartners. Preschoolers may leave for an extended children's session in the nursery after "Time with Young Disciples." All children are invited to take advantage of the Children's Worship Bags located in the Narthex.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Kathryn Escandell, pastor
Sher Wilkes, liturgist
Briana Olivares, children's time
Roberto Garza II, choir director

MUSICIANS

Beverly Bradburn, organist
Lucy Snearley, pianist

USHER

Doug Schneider, captain

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER:

Alice Adams, Emelia Alaniz, Ric Backstrom, Samantha Bailey, Bill & Anna Bohart, Dr. Juan Campos, Joseph Castellanos, Gretchen Chapa, Carole Collins, Mary Ann Cummings, Bonnie Daniels, Estelle Davenport, Kyler Deveney, Andres Fuentes, Andrew Garcia, Vicki Garcia, Betty Garner, Steve Gonzalez, Tyson Goodenbaur, Elisha Griffith, Laura Hale, Charles & Lou Helt, Orlin & Lores Hochstetler, Ruth Hodge, Rev. O'Quin Kelly, Dick & Gwyn Kozma, Dr. Kenneth & Carolyn Landrum, Andy Lentz, Shannon Leonard, Shirley Leonard, Eric Longoria, William (Bill) Macecevic, Earl & Nadine Force-Macey, Larry & Jean McDonald, Ivan Melendez, Dolores Munoz, Bernice Norton, Rusty Noser, Daniella Olivarez, John Parks, Cindy Payne, Elpidio Perez, Raymond E. Peterson, Bob Pippin, Robert & Carol Pippin, Rene & Diana Provencio, Marty Pullen, Barry Rock, Laurie Rock, Daniel Salkinder, Ruben Sanchez, Susan Cowie-Serres, The Session of FPC-McAllen, Nancy Shepard, Scott Shipley, Barbara Stevens, Judy Suter, Lindsay Terry, Alan & Joy Tittle, Rick Trager, Anthony Treviño, Sopphey Vance, Harry Vorbach, Eric & Lety Walborg, James & Carole Warren, Jessica Watt, Joseph Watt, Addisyn Whitsell, John Wright, Draven Trent Zamora. **MILITARY/OVERSEAS:** Derek Emter, Nathan & Glenda Mesta, Jason Schneider, Taylor Wimberley, Justin Zeller. **MISSIONARY:** Dre Atkins. **SHUT-INS:** Lois Clark, Gladys Law, Dale Miller, Lupe Weir. (NOTE: If you would like to add a name to the list, please fill out a card located in the "Ritual of Friendship" book or back of the pew and drop it in the offering plate.)

Our Mission Statement

Join the Journey!
Love and Serve God and Others.

Our Vision Statement

Respond to God's grace and build upon the strength of our Reformed tradition through worship, evangelism and leadership training. We will become a church of ministers who carry out the Great Commission and meet the needs of one another. We will build safer communities and glorify the name of Jesus Christ in the city of McAllen, Texas.

We will ...

Proclaim the Good News revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will accomplish this through activities such as festivals and concerts, and through various means of communication as social and international programs.

We will ...

Live as a community of faith in worship, prayer, study and fellowship. This will be done through programs, including Sunday School, Bible Study, Sunday Worship; and activities, including church meals, as well as support for individual worship.

We will ...

Actively serve our community with love, compassion, respect, mercy and justice. We will accomplish through peace, unity and purity through Christ-like behavior, corporate and personal responsibility, and hospitality toward all.

May God empower us by the Holy Spirit to fulfill our call to be God's people.

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



104 SOUTH 12TH STREET
MCALLEN, TEXAS 78501
Serving this community since 1908

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 1, 2017

10:30 a.m.

World Communion Sunday / Peace & Global Witness Offering

(* - please rise in body or spirit. Congregation parts in bold.)

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements / Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

Under normal circumstances, food is changed into the person who consumes it. Fish, bread, and the like become human flesh and blood. But in holy communion the exact opposite happens. The Bread of Life himself changes the person who eats, assimilating and transforming us into himself.

— Nicholas Cabasilas, 14th Century Greek mystic

GATHERING

* Call to Worship

Yangtze and Danube, Congo and Rio Grande,
all rivers flow toward the seas that encircle our planet.

**May the praises of all people flow toward God
as a great wave of worship.**

Andes and Alps, Himalayas and Rockies,
all mountains take root in one good Earth.

**May the hopes of all people take root in a holy love
that bids us all be one.**

Sirocco and zephyr, meadow breezes and hurricane gales,
all winds move about with freedom and power.

**May the faith of all people move about freely in the world
to empower deeds of loving kindness.**

**In the worship of this morning and the actions of every day,
may we remain always in communion with God
and with one another.**

* Opening Hymn *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* No. 509 (Purple)

* Prayer of the Day *(Syrian Orthodox Christian prayer)*

Call to Confession

“Life without Jesus is a sewing machine come unthreaded:
you pass over but you sew nothing.”
(God is No Stranger; prayers from Haiti)

Prayer of Confession

Lord, open unto me

Open unto me – light for my darkness.

Open unto me – courage for my fear.

Open unto me – hope for my despair.

Open unto me – peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me – joy for my sorrow.

Open unto me – strength for my weakness.

Open unto me – wisdom for my confusion.

Open unto me – forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me – love for my hates.

Open unto me – thy Self for my self.

Lord, Lord, open unto me! *(Howard Thurman)*

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Brothers and sisters, God will do all that we ask and more.
God frees us from all that restricts and darkens our lives,
and calls us into the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* No. 581 (Purple)

* Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

[In the same manner, turn and pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors.]

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 55:8-12* (NRSV)

(This is the Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God!)

Anthem *In Remembrance* by Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading *Matthew 21:23-32* (NRSV)

(This is the Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God!)

Sermon “Table Grace” Rev. Kathryn Escandell

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Reflection Hymn *In the Singing* No. 533 (Purple)

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
No. 606 (Purple)

* Offertory Prayer

SEALING GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Presentation of Breads of the World

Processional Song: *Come All You People* No. 388 (Purple)

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of blessing ...

... we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We ask that your Holy Spirit ...

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we come in memory and hope ...
... the ceaseless love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer Purple Hymnal, Pg. 35

Words of Institution

The Feast (by intinction) **

** *(If you are unable to come forward to receive the elements,
please raise your hand and a server will come to you in the pew.)*

Prayer After Communion *(Coptic Christianity)*

My heart has been filled with joy

and my tongue with rejoicing.

Let my spirit glorify the Lord,

and my soul rejoice in God my Savior.

I have drawn nigh to Thee, O Lord,

to clothe me with a radiant garment

and make me worthy to enter into Thy wedding.

Let my union with Thee today be forever,

for through it, I increase and grow firm in virtue,

wax strong in faith, and strengthen my hope.

Let it become a sign of salvation, a raiment of Grace,

a garment of the new birth.

For Thou are my goal and my happiness.

Thou alone, O Lord, forever.

Amen.

* Closing Hymn *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* No. 538 (Purple)

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* Charge & Benediction

* Congregational Response *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (refrain)*
No. 538 (Purple)

Hallelujah! We sing your praises;

all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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all our hearts are filled with gladness.

* Postlude



October 25, 2017

5:30—7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, Courtyard