

Additional Liturgy for September 10, 2017

For: Lita

Suggested Announcements (please edit as desired):

COME AND SEE—WHERE JESUS INVITES US INTO LIFE. FPC's "Rally Day 2017" is today! Following worship, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for brunch and information about the new program year at FPC. There's a lot of good stuff coming, so come and see.

The Worship Calling is in need of **VOLUNTEERS FOR USHERS** during Sunday worship services. Normal attrition has left us short-handed. Ushers are organized into teams that rotate from month to month, so scheduling is flexible. Please volunteer by emailing Tom Ball at tomasball@aol.com.

SPACE FOR GOD will resume meeting this coming Thursday, September 14. S4G meets every Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. S4G meetings include silent meditation, book discussion and support for each other's spiritual journeys. For information regarding meeting locations, contact Elizabeth Gearhart at elizabeth_gearhart@yahoo.com or at 956-455-4111.

The **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY** will resume bimonthly classes on Tuesday, September 19. The Quilt Ministry meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on the second floor of the church. For more information, contact Shirley Pippin at 956-358-0591.

Call to Confession

Amid the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this: God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us our sins. Confident in the love of God, let us pray together.

Prayer for Illumination

It's time to hear God's Word read and proclaimed. Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached, pass among your gathered people, opening minds to increase understanding, opening hearts to bind us together in your love. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

First Reading

Romans 13:8-12

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

Invitation to the Offering

Paul's counsel to the church in Rome was this: "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." So come, let us love one another and all in God's world by sharing what we have been given so that needs are met and the gospel is proclaimed.

Offertory Prayer

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use us for your ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.