

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 / Nursery
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 Noelia Smith	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.

Callings Chairpersons

Administration—Anna Bohart

Trustees

Class of 2018—Maria Colvin-Lopez

Christian Education—Cristina Garfield

Class of 2019—Nadine Force-Macey

Congregational Care /

Evangelism & Mission—Tom Turk

Worship—Tom Ball

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
Ann Williams, liturgist
Briana Olivares, children's time

MUSICIANS

Beverly Bradburn, organist
Lucy Snearley, pianist

USHERS

Dana Friedman, captain

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER:

Allen Abraham, 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 & Loes Hochstetler, Ruth Hodge, Rev. O'Quin Kelly, Dick & Gwyn Kozma, Dr. Kenneth & Carolyn Landrum, Andy Lentz, Shannon Leonard, Shirley Leonard, Eric Longoria, Maria Colvin-Lopez, 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, Pip & Shirley 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, Rahul Sharma, Nancy Shepard, Scott Shipley, Lucy Snearley, 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, 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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104 SOUTH 12TH STREET
MCALLEN, TEXAS 78501

Serving this community since 1908

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 13, 2017

10:30 a.m.

10th Sunday after Pentecost / Installation of Ruling Elders

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Ritual of Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

A ship was one of the earliest symbols for Christianity, and today's Gospel reading indicates why it was attractive: when surrounded by adversity, safety and salvation are experienced in the church with Jesus in its midst. But remember that a ship is not a static symbol. It is a vehicle used to get somewhere. Ultimately, we may ask, "Why did Jesus and the disciples cross the sea?" The answer is given in *Matthew 14:34-36*. They wanted to get to the other side to minister to those people there. So, leave walking on water to Jesus. That ship, which is the church, is where we want to be, and it can provide the way for us to get to other places, so that disciples of the Son of God can be moving throughout the land!

— Mark G. Vitalis Hoffman, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, PA

GATHERING

* Call to Worship

God cares for us completely and calls for our total commitment.
**Christ gave his life that we might live
and calls us to give our lives to him.**
Through Christ we have died to sin; in Christ we are fully alive to God.
Come, let us worship God.

* Opening Hymn *Morning Has Broken* No. 469 (Blue)

* Prayer of the Day (from the 5th Century Nestorian Liturgy)

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us!
**We are intimidated by our circumstances,
distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears.**
**We are presumptuous about your will,
belittling others and magnifying ourselves.**
We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams.
**We have hardened our hearts
to the suffering of our brothers and sisters,
feeding ourselves in face of the injustice
that holds them captive.**
**Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin
and help us to walk with you
in faith, humility, and compassionate love.**

* Silent Confession

* Declaration of Forgiveness

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Hear and trust the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

* Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* No. 579 (Blue)

* 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

First Reading *Philippians 4:4-9*
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading *Matthew 14:22-33* (Pew bible, Pg. 849)
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Sermon "The Place of Prayer" Rev. Kathryn Escandell

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Reflection Hymn *Lord, When I Came Into This Life* No. 522 (Blue)

Prayers of the People / *The Lord's Prayer* (Trad.) Blue Hymnal, Pg. 16
Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
No. 592 (Blue)

* Offertory Prayer

Installation of Ruling Elders

* Closing Hymn *Lord of All Good* No. 375 (Blue)

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* Charge & Benediction

* Congregational Response (v. 1) *Lord, When I Came Into This Life*
No. 522 (Blue)

**Lord, when I came into this life
You called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself,
Responding to Your claim.**

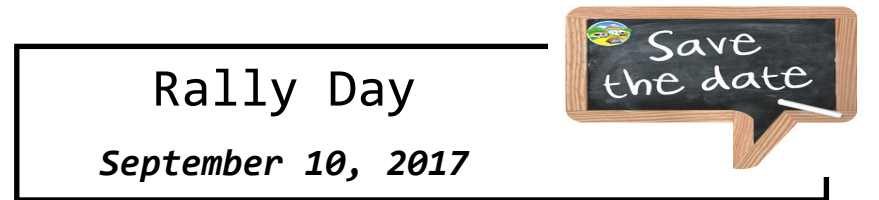
* Postlude

Announcements & Church Information

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Carolyn Landrum* in memory of Vannie Cook Jr. and Vannie Cook III.

ESPAÑOL WORSHIP SERVICES are offered each Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Parlor.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and **SHAWLS AVAILABLE** ... Please ask an Usher to provide one for you should you so desire.



Rally Day
September 10, 2017

**We can no other answer make than
Thanks and Thanks and ever Thanks!**

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church-McAllen has long been well-served by those who say "Yes" to serving on the Session. Strong congregational leadership has brought FPC through changes and challenges. The Ruling Elders in the Class of 2017 have shared their gifts in many ways and we recognize and honor their service. They include:

Tom Ball—Chair of the Worship Calling
Anna Bohart—Clerk of Session, Chair of the Administration Calling
Cristina Garfield—Chair of the Christian Education Calling
Tom Turk—Chair of the Congregational Calling / Evangelism Calling

And we say "Welcome" and "Thank You" to the Ruling Elders in the Class of 2020 as they begin, or continue, their service:

Tom Ball, Dana Friedman, Cristina Garfield, Maria Colvin-Lopez

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 13-20, 2017

SUNDAY/13th

(10th Sunday after Pentecost / Installation of Ruling Elders)

10:30 am—**Worship Service**
11:30 am—Popsicles in the Parlor
5:00 pm—**Spanish Worship Service** (Parlor)

MONDAY/14th

5:00 pm—Administration Calling / Finance Ministry (Parlor)
6:00 pm—Property Ministry (Parlor)

TUESDAY/15th

6:00 pm—Session (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY/16th

7:00 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

FRIDAY/18th

7:00 am—Prayer Breakfast meeting (@ Denny's, 401 E. Nolana, McAllen)

SUNDAY/20th

(11th Sunday after Pentecost / Youth in the Church and World)

9:00 am—Sunday School
10:00 am—"The Gathering" (Parlor)
10:30 am—**Worship Service**
5:00 pm—**Spanish Worship Service** (Parlor)