

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	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

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

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

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
Maria Colvin-Lopez, liturgist
Maria Colvin-Lopez, children's time
Roberto Garza II, choir director

MUSICIANS

Beverly Bradburn, organist
Lucy Snearley, pianist

USHERS

Dana Friedman, captain
David Rowland

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, 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, Shirley Pippin and Family, 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, 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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of McAllen



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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 20, 2017

10:30 a.m.

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

(* - 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

Much like the story of the Canaanite woman, Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reading raises questions about the understanding of where the boundaries of God's mercies are to be located. Traditional ways of locating what is unclean or outside are called into question as Jesus calls for a new understanding and a new heart as the origin and center of God's ways among us. Like the story of the woman who as an outsider experiences God's mercy and so challenges a too-narrow tradition that would want to restrict God's mercies to a chosen few, so these sayings invite a reexamination of our hearts and call us to a new appraisal of the expansive reach of God's mercies.

— James Boyce, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

GATHERING

* Call to Worship

We are called from the ends of the earth.
We are called from the centers of our lives.
 We are called to praise God.
We are called to serve the Holy One.
 God has breathed into us the breath of new life.
Let us worship with joy!

* Opening Hymn *Let Us Build a House* No. 301 (Purple)

* Prayer of the Day

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, you are always more ready to forgive our sins than we are willing to admit them.
You give us great promise for our living, and we laugh at you, thinking we are not good enough for your gifts.
You call us to difficult and inspiring missions, and we busy ourselves with other things that we decide are more important.
You challenge us to have courage, and we shrink back, locking ourselves into the safety of old habits.
Bring us new life, God, so that the spirit of Christ may shine in us.

* Silent Confession

* Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the word of the Lord:
 in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by God and given new life.
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

First Reading *Philippians 2:3-11*
 (This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Anthem *One Song* by Pepper Choplin

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading *Matthew 15:21-28*
 (This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Sermon

"Ubuntu"

Rev. Kathryn Escandell

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith (from *The Confession of 1967*)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His life as human involves the church in the common life of humanity.
His service to people commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on our inhumanity to one another and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of our life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

* Reflection Hymn *Help Us Accept Each Other* No. 754 (Purple)

Prayers of the People / *Lord's Prayer* Purple Hymnal, Pg. 35

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
 Lord help us. **We trust in you.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

* Offertory Prayer

* Closing Hymn *Come! Live in the Light!* No. 749 (Purple)

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* Charge & Benediction

* Congregational Response (refrain) *Come! Live in the Light!*
 No. 749 (Purple)

We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

* Postlude

Announcements & Church Information

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Dee Treviño* for all the children returning to school.

LAST CHANCE! DON'T MISS THE FUN! The final 2nd floor workday will be this coming Friday, August 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. Our goal is to get everything back in place in the newly-floored, newly-painted rooms—even the “we’ve-got-everything-you-might-ever-need-but-none-of-it-is-on-the-shelves” Supply Room. So please plan to spend an hour or two next Friday with your fellow church members as we clean, cull, and organize. Contact Lita or Kathy in the church office (956-682-2836) for more information.

The Presbyterian Women's **VALLEY CLUSTER FALL GATHERING** will be held on Saturday, September 9, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at First Presbyterian Church-Mission. Workshops include “A Year of Biblical Womanhood”, “Finding Faith Through Art”, and Chair Yoga. Registration is \$6 through Sept. 1 and \$10 thereafter. To register, call or e-mail Kathy at 956-682-2836 or fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com.

COME AND SEE—WHERE JESUS INVITES US INTO LIFE. FPC's “Rally Day 2017” will be Sunday, September 10. Following worship, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for brunch and information about the new curriculum program year at FPC. There's a lot of good stuff coming, so come and see. If you'd like to provide food for the meal, contact Cristina Garfield at 956-378-1650 or cgg2313@aol.com.

The church recently learned that **SAMUEL HENDERSON**, the son of the late Eleanor Henderson, a former member of FPC-McAllen, passed away on August 5, 2017. He was 63. Please keep the Henderson family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 20-27, 2017

SUNDAY/20th

5:00 pm—**Spanish Worship Service** (Parlor)

MONDAY/21st

(Newsletter deadline)

WEDNESDAY/23rd

7:00 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

THURSDAY/24th

6:00 pm—Worship Calling (Parlor)

FRIDAY/25th

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

SATURDAY/26th

9:00 am—St. Mary's “Community Input” Seminar (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY/27th

(12th Sunday after Pentecost / **Public Education**)

9:00 am—Sunday School

10:00 am—“The Gathering” (Parlor)

10:30 am—**Worship Service / “Blessing of the Backpacks”**

5:00 pm—**Spanish Worship Service** (Parlor)