

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

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

MUSICIAN

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 8, 2017

10:30 a.m.

18th Sunday after Pentecost / Domestic Violence Awareness

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements / Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

This parable (from today's Gospel reading) does not use the story to set forth the surprising nature and qualities of God's reign, as do so many others in the Gospels. Its focus is rather on the futility of debates about, and maintenance programs for, the institutions of this age.
— Sharon H. Ringe, Working Preacher. org

GATHERING

* Call to Worship (from *Psalm 19*)

The heavens declare the glory of God!
The skies proclaim God's handiwork.
The day pronounces God's glory without a sound;
the night expounds God's knowledge without a word;
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.
**Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
in declaring God's glory.**

* Opening Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 14 (Purple)

* Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, Maker of heaven and earth,
out of your great love for the world
you sent us your beloved Son – but we sent him to his death.
Have mercy on us, O Lord; forgive us, renew us,
restore us so that we may be the people of your vineyard
and bear good fruit for your holy realm;
through Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done,
but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ.
This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
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

Epistle Reading *Philippians 3:4b-14* (CEB)
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Anthem *The Twenty-Third Psalm* by Jay Althouse

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading *Matthew 21:33-46* (NRSV)
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Sermon "Cornered" Rev. Kathryn Escandell

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed* Purple Hymnal, Pg. 35

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* Reflection Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* No. 353 (Purple)

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Minute for Mission *Stewardship* Bob Simpson

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

* Offertory Prayer

* Closing Hymn *Together We Serve* (v. 1-3) No. 767 (Purple)

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* Charge & Benediction

* Congregational Response *Together We Serve* (v. 4) No. 767 (Purple)

* Postlude

Announcements & Church Information

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Dee Treviño* in celebration of her sister, Helen's birthday.

DEADLINE for the **NOVEMBER '17 NEWSLETTER** is October 16.

Please join us for our **BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** in the Parlor today immediately following the Worship Service as we honor all birthdays and wedding anniversaries from the months of September and October.

The **VALLEY YOUTH RALLY** will be held today at First Presbyterian Church-Weslaco starting at 3 p.m. Those who wish to attend are asked to meet here at the church at 2:30 p.m.

CANDY & CAKES NEEDED FOR FALL FESTIVAL ... The church's annual "Fall Festival" will be held here Wednesday, October 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the courtyard and Fellowship Hall. There will be plenty of fun, fellowship, games and food for all members of the family. However, donations of candy are needed. If you can help out with this request, please bring your donations to the church and drop them in the baskets located in the Narthex. Other opportunities to help out include signing up to bring baked goods for the cake walk or volunteering your time. For more information, please talk to *Christian Education Calling* chairperson, Cristina Garfield.

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

The **"PRESENT WORD" SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** is participating in the Stewardship season study of "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations," led by Bob Simpson, Maria Colvin-Lopez, and Pastor Kathy. Join us in the Parlor at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday morning.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 8-15, 2017

SUNDAY / 8th

(18th Sunday after Pentecost / Domestic Violence Awareness)

10:30 am—Worship Service

11:30 am—Birthday / Anniversary Celebration (Parlor)

3:00 pm—Valley Youth Rally @ FPC-Weslaco

5:00 pm—Spanish Worship Service (Parlor)

MONDAY / 9th

(Columbus Day)

5:00 pm—Finance Ministry (Parlor)

6:00 pm—Property Ministry (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY / 11th

7:30 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

THURSDAY / 12th

9:30 am—Space for God

FRIDAY / 13th

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

SATURDAY / 14th

8:30 am—Community Associates Training Seminar (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY / 15th

(19th Sunday after Pentecost)

9:00 am—Sunday School

10:00 am—Choir Practice (Choir room) / "The Gathering" (Parlor)

10:30 am—Worship Service

4:30 pm—Youth

5:00 pm—Spanish Worship Service (Parlor)