

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

Table with 3 columns: Name, Title, and Role. Includes 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

Table with 3 columns: Class of 2018, Class of 2019, Class of 2020. Lists names of members for each class.

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 McMurray
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
Dana Friedman, liturgist
Maria Colvin-Lopez, 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, 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, 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 15, 2017

10:30 a.m.

19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements / Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

Within the world of the story (today's parable) as told, the problem with this guy is not that he is not taking things seriously enough. No, his problem is a failure to party. The kingdom of heaven (verse 2) is a banquet, after all, and you've got to put on your party dress and get with the program. The kingdom music is playing, and it's time to get up on the dance floor. Or, as the slightly more sober, but no less theologically astute Karl Barth put the matter: "In the last resort, it all boils down to the fact that the invitation is to a feast, and that he who does not obey and come accordingly, and therefore festively, declines and spurns the invitation no less than those who are unwilling to obey and appear at all."

— Lance Pope, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth

GATHERING

* Call to Worship

Alleluia! Oh, give thanks for God is good.
God's faithful love endures forever!
Who can recount the mighty deeds of God,
or proclaim adequate praise?
Blessed be the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting!

* Opening Hymn *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* No. 23 (Purple)

* Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,
it's so easy to get lost in the noise and busyness of our lives.
Forgive us the times we lose focus,
forgetting the praise we owe to you,
offering it to the world instead.
You alone are worthy of our praise.
You alone are worthy of our adoration.
Creator who makes all things new,
renew our hearts and strengthen our resolve,
that we may graciously receive
what you have in store for us today.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

God's love is sure and steadfast,
always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.
Hear and trust in the good news of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed and made whole.

* 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 *Exodus 32:1-14* (NRSV)
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Anthem *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by John Rutter

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading *Matthew 22:1-14* (NRSV)
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Sermon "God's Invitation" Rev. Kathryn Escandell

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith *Philippians 4:4-8*

⁴ **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.**
⁵ **Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.**
⁶ **Do not worry about anything,**
but in everything by prayer
and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
⁷ **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,**
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
⁸ **Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,**
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

* Reflection Hymn *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* No. 707 (Purple)

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

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Minute for Mission *Stewardship* Dana Friedman

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

* Offertory Prayer

* Closing Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me* No. 726 (Purple)

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* Charge & Benediction

* Congregational Response *Will You Come and Follow Me* (v. 5)
No. 726 (Purple)

* Postlude

Announcements & Church Information

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Joseph & Renée Vorbach* in celebration of their son-in-law, Erik Vose's birthday.

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

The **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY** will gather here at the church on Tuesday, October 17. The Quilt Ministry meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on the second floor. For more information, contact Shirley Pippin at 956-358-0591.

The **SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR REV. ESCANDELL** will be held in the sanctuary next Sunday, October 22, at 2 p.m. A reception will follow afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

CANDY & CAKES NEEDED FOR THE 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.

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 15-22, 2017

SUNDAY / 15th

(19th Sunday after Pentecost)
10:30 am—**Worship Service**
4:30 pm—Youth
5:00 pm—**Spanish Worship Service** (Parlor)

MONDAY / 16th

(World Food Day)
Newsletter deadline

TUESDAY / 17th

1:30 pm—Prayer Quilt Ministry (2nd floor)
6:00 pm—Session (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY / 18th

7:30 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

THURSDAY / 19th

9:30 am—Space for God

FRIDAY / 20th

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

SUNDAY / 22nd

(Youth Sunday / Children's Sabbath)
9:00 am—Sunday School
10:00 am—Choir Practice (Choir room) / "The Gathering" (Parlor)
10:30 am—**Youth Worship Service**
2:00 pm—Service of Installation for Rev. Kathryn Escandell
4:30 pm—Youth
5:00 pm—**Spanish Worship Service** (Parlor)