

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 another Name/Title. 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 Year, Name, Title. Includes 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
Tom Ball, liturgist
Rev. Kathryn Escandell, 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, 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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104 SOUTH 12TH STREET
MCALLEN, TEXAS 78501
Serving this community since 1908

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 27, 2017

10:30 a.m.

12th Sunday after Pentecost / "Blessing of the Backpacks"

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

There is power in faith, a power that resonates into the highest heavens. The question for us is how we might see that power working in our midst. Our tendency, I think, is to look to the spectacular and the stunning to see God's power at work. But what if God's power is more subtle than such fireworks? What if the simple assertion that Jesus is the Messiah is more powerful but quieter than the clanging gongs of empire? In every thoughtful gesture, in every supportive word, in every prophetic denunciation of injustice, in every meal cooked, in every day of work, we might just catch a glimpse of the power Jesus promised here. In the end, a life of faithful service may be the best answer to that awe-inspiring question: Who do you say that I am? — Eric Barreto, Princeton Theological Seminary

GATHERING

* Call to Worship

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

**For God has shone in our hearts
to give knowledge of the glory of God.**

Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

* Opening Hymn *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

No. 582 (Purple)

* Prayer of the Day

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Source of all that gives us life,
we have turned away from your authority
to our own small concerns.**

**Forgive us for our failure to bear one another's burdens,
for boasting of anything but your cross,
for believing in our own power to justify our lives,
and for denying your call to take comfort in you alone.**

**Gather us within the circle of your grace
that in all we do, we may honor your name. Amen.**

* Silent Confession

* Declaration of Forgiveness

In the name of the one who died and rose for us,
our sins are forgiven and we are made whole and new.

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 *Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17*

(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Anthem

Time with Young Disciples / Blessing of the Backpacks

Gospel Reading *Matthew 16:13-20*

(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Sermon "What to Say?"

Rev. Kathryn Escandell

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith (from *The Nicene Creed*)

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

* Reflection Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* No. 442 (Blue)

Prayers of the People / *The Lord's Prayer (Trad.)* Blue Hymnal, Pg. 16

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

* Offertory Prayer

* Closing Hymn *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* No. 430 (Blue)

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* Charge & Benediction

* Congregational Response *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! (refrain)*
No. 430 (Blue)

**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

* 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 daughter, Cassie Vose's birthday.

Word was received this past week that **NANCY SHEPHERD** has returned home (330 Diana Dr., Alamo, TX). Visitors are welcome, but please call beforehand (956-369-1991).

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 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.

SPACE FOR GOD will resume meeting on 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.

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.

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 27-SEPT. 3, 2017

SUNDAY/27th

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

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

4:30 pm—Youth

WEDNESDAY/30th

7:00 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

FRIDAY/September 1st

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

SUNDAY/3rd

(13th Sunday after Pentecost / Season of Peace begins)

9:00 am—Sunday School

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

10:30 am—**Worship Service / Holy Communion**

11:30 am—Power of Hope Fund

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

4:30 pm—Youth