

# 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, preaching  
Dr. Tom Ball, liturgist  
Briana Olivares, children's time  
Roberto Garza II, choir director

### MUSICIANS

Lucy Snearley, pianist

### USHER

Mike Hudler, 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, The Family of James 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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MCALLEN, TEXAS 78501  
Serving this community since 1908

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**November 5, 2017**

**10:30 a.m.**

**All Saints' Day Observance**

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

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements / Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

Jesus' interpretation of the law (*Matthew 23:1-12*) underscores that humans are on a level playing field. God extends mercy to all, including the tax collector and the sinner. The one who seeks attention and status through God's law misinterprets it. The attitude of a servant is more appropriate, for the servant shapes their actions according to the master's will. Jesus shows us a master whose expectations are high, but they are guided first and foremost by mercy.

— Susan Hysten, Assoc. Professor, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

## GATHERING

### \* Call to Worship

The psalmist sings: O send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.  
**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;  
and I will praise you with the harp,  
O God, my God.**

### \* Opening Hymn *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

No. 516 (Blue)

### Prayer of the Day

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, only you are holy.  
Yet we imagine that we are righteous,  
excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others.  
We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors  
but slow to help them carry their own burdens.  
We take credit and give blame.  
In spite of the grace you have shown to us,  
we are slow to show mercy.  
Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean,  
that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing.  
Righteousness comes from God, by faith.  
Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### \* Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* No. 579 (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

New Testament Reading *Revelation 7:9-12 (NRSV)*  
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

## Remembrance of Loved Ones

Reading from John Donne's "Meditation XVII"

### Naming our Saints

<i>Kevin Backstrom</i>	<i>Orlin Hochstetler</i>
<i>Donald Bentsen Jr.</i>	<i>Randy Nagle</i>
<i>Carmen Rafaela Colvin</i>	<i>Harold G. "Pip" Pippin</i>
<i>Harry Leroy Colvin</i>	<i>Jackie Pride</i>
<i>Glenn Davenport</i>	<i>Bill Tinsman</i>
<i>Samuel Henderson</i>	<i>James Warren</i>

\* Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 438 (Blue)

### \* Prayer

Anthem *Festival Piece on "Sine Nomine"* By Ralph V. Williams

### Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading *Matthew 23:1-12 (The Message)*  
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Sermon *"Leadership Lessons"* Rev. Kathryn Escandell

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed (Trad.)* Blue Hymnal, Pg. 14

**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 Ghost, 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.**

### Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

\* Offertory Prayer

## SEALING GOD'S WORD

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to The Lord's Table

### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)* Blue Hymnal, Pg. 16

### The Feast (by intinction) \*\*

\*\* (If you are unable to come forward to receive the elements,  
a server will come to you in the pew. A gluten-free option is  
available at each station.)

### Prayer After Communion

**We thank you, gracious God,  
that you have refreshed us at your table.  
Allow us to go forth from this place as your people,  
filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking your good news,  
and serving in Christ's name.  
Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken (v. 1-3)*  
No. 508 (Blue)

## GO OUT INTO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Congregational Response *For the Bread Which You Have Broken (v. 4)*  
No. 508 (Blue)

\* Postlude

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