

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), Michael A. Pullen (Church Administrator), Dana Friedman (Clerk of Session), Cam Henry (Treasurer), Roberto Garza II (Choir Director), Beverly Bradburn (Organist), Lucy Snearley (Pianist), Adela Zamora (Custodian / Nursery).

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 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

Sheri Dittman, guest preaching
Maria Colvin-Lopez, liturgist
Maria Colvin-Lopez, children's time
Roberto Garza II, choir director

MUSICIANS

Beverly Bradburn, organist
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, 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

November 12, 2017

10:30 a.m.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost / Caregiver Sunday

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements / Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

Readers today may find themselves secretly sympathetic to the foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13). Does the church really live as though the bridegroom's arrival is certain? Some have become caught up in trying to determine the day and the hour, while others have let their lamps run out. To live in vigilance means for the disciples to do the tasks that they have been appointed to do in preparation for the Master's coming. In Matthew's Gospel, those tasks include bearing witness to God's kingdom by welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and imprisoned (25:31-46), and making disciples in all the world (28:19-20).

—Carla Works, Assoc. Prof., Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

## GATHERING

\* Call to Worship (from *Psalm 70:4*)

Rejoice and be glad!  
**For God is our salvation.**  
Rejoice and be glad!  
**For God is great.**

\* Opening Hymn *Seek Ye First* No. 333 (Blue)

Call to Confession (from *Amos 5:24*)

Prayer of Confession (from *Amos 5:21-24*)

**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
by not honoring you or loving one another.  
When we ignore injustice in the world  
our worship brings you no delight.  
Make haste to help us,  
that we may stand in right relationship  
with you and the whole of your creation  
and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ,  
our resurrected Savior.  
Amen.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness (from *Romans 8:38-39*)

Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
Believe the gospel!  
**We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.**

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

\* 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 (from *John 6:68*)

First Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NRSV)*  
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Anthem

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading *Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV)*  
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Sermon "Hope" Ruling Elder Sheri Dittman

## 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.**

\* Reflection Hymn *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* No. 15 (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, Ye Thankful People, Come (v. 1-3)* No. 551 (Blue)

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

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Congregational Response *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (v. 4)*  
No. 551 (Blue)

\* Postlude

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## Announcements & Church Information

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Dee Treviño* "for the joy of grandchildren."

Our annual **THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON** will be held today in the Fellowship Hall immediately following this morning's Worship Service. Everyone is invited.

A **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been slated for November 19 following the Worship Service to hear and act on a report from the Nominating Committee.

The **HANGING OF THE GREENS** will take place on Saturday, December 2, at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to come help spruce up the sanctuary for the holidays.

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

A **WEEKLY PRAYER BREAKFAST GROUP** meets every Friday at 7:00 a.m. at Denny's on 401 E. Nolana in McAllen.

**SPACE FOR GOD** 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](mailto:elizabeth_gearhart@yahoo.com) or at 956-455-4111.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 12-19, 2017

**SUNDAY / 12th**

(23rd Sunday after Pentecost / Caregiver Sunday)

10:30 am—Worship Service

11:30 am—Thanksgiving Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

4:30 pm—Youth

5:00 pm—Spanish Worship Service (Parlor)

**MONDAY / 13th**

1:00 pm—Lynn Flowers Preschool Board meeting (Parlor)

6:00 pm—Property Ministry meeting (Parlor)

**TUESDAY / 14th**

6:00 pm—Session (Parlor)

**WEDNESDAY / 15th**

7:30 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

**THURSDAY / 16th**

9:30 am—Space for God

**FRIDAY / 17th**

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

**SATURDAY / 18th**

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

**SUNDAY / 19th**

(24th Sunday after Pentecost / Hunger and Homelessness)

9:00 am—Sunday School

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

10:30 am—Worship Service

11:30 am—Called Congregational meeting

11:45 am—Celebration of November Birthdays/Anniversaries (Parlor)

4:30 pm—Youth

5:00 pm—Spanish Worship Service (Parlor)