

First Presbyterian Church of McAllen

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Wednesday, 8:00 am—3:00 pm; Thursday-Friday, closed

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 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, preaching
Nadine Force-Macey, liturgist
Rev. Kathryn Escandell/Ann Rowland, 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, Ronnie LeVerer, 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 on the 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 19, 2017

10:30 a.m.

24th Sunday after Pentecost / Hunger and Homelessness

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements / Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

What's at stake with the talents is our recognition that first and foremost they all belong to God. They, indeed we, are not our own. Secondly, the talents entrusted to us are not to be hoarded, hidden, or squandered. They are to be used. Imagine if the lens used to determine what to do with our resources, monetary and otherwise, was whether or not what we did with them built up the Kingdom. Finally, fear-based decisions do not make for God-pleasing results. A life of faith is a life of radical trust in the Triune God and therefore radical risks of faith.

—Jill Duffield, Looking into the Lectionary

## GATHERING

- \* Call to Worship (from *Psalm 90:1, 2*)  
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;  
**you have been our home throughout all the ages.**  
You were there before the world was made  
and will be forever.  
**From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
- \* Opening Hymn *We Praise You, O God* No. 612 (Purple)
- Prayer of the Day
- Call to Confession (from *1 Thessalonians 5:9*)
- Prayer of Confession (from *Psalm 90:1, 8*)  
**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
by not honoring you or one another.**  
**When we place our iniquities before you,  
it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.**  
**We stand in awe of your constancy for us,  
and we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ,  
in whose name we pray.**
- Silent Confession
- Declaration of Forgiveness  
Sisters and brothers, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save  
and acts to forgive, restore, and strengthen us eternally in Christ.  
Hear and trust 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 (from *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*)
- Epistle Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Inclusive Bible)*  
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)
- Anthem
- Time with Young Disciples
- Gospel Reading *Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)*  
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)
- Sermon "Eschatology's Edge" Rev. Kathryn Escandell

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- \* Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)  
**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**  
**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**  
**Amen.**
- \* Reflection Hymn *When All Is Ended* No. 376 (Purple)
- Prayers of the People / *Lord's Prayer* Purple Hymnal, Pg. 35  
Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**
- Presentation of Tithes and Offering
- Invitation to the Offering
- Offertory
- \* Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
No. 606 (Purple)
- \* Offertory Prayer
- \* Closing Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation* No. 36 (Purple)

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

- \* Called Congregational Meeting
- \* Charge & Benediction
- \* Postlude

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## Announcements & Church Information

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Sher Wilkes* in celebration of "the 75th birthday of my best friend, Drue."

A **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today 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 and Fellowship Hall for the holidays.

**DEADLINE** for the **DECEMBER '17 NEWSLETTER** is November 20.

The **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY** will gather here at the church on Tuesday, November 21. 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.

**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.

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

The **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** is studying the "Present Word" curriculum. Come join us in the Parlor at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

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

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 19-26, 2017

### SUNDAY / 19th

(24th Sunday after Pentecost / Home and Homelessness)

10:30 am—**Worship Service**

11:30 am—Called Congregational meeting

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

4:30 pm—Youth

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

### MONDAY / 20th

December Newsletter deadline

### TUESDAY / 21st

1:30 pm—Prayer Quilt Ministry (2nd floor)

6:00 pm—Session (Parlor)

### WEDNESDAY / 22nd

7:30 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

### THURSDAY / 23rd

(**Thanksgiving Day**)

Church Office closed

### FRIDAY / 24th

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

### SUNDAY / 26th

(**Reign of Christ**)

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)