

# 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 / Nurse
Dana Friedman Clerk of Session	Beverly Bradburn Organist	

## The Session

Rev. Kathryn Escandell — Moderator  
Dana Friedman — Clerk

<b>Class of 2018</b> Spud Brown Mike Hudler Dottie Palmer Dee Treviño	<b>Class of 2019</b> Kathryn Henry Henry McElmurray Bob Simpson	<b>Class of 2020</b> Tom Ball Maria Colvin-Lopez Dana Friedman Cristina Garfield
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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. Laura Mendenhall, guest preaching  
Rev. Kathryn Escandell, liturgist  
Rev. Kathryn Escandell, children's time  
Alejandra Pacheco, guest 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.

# First Presbyterian Church of McAllen



104 SOUTH 12TH STREET  
MCALLEN, TEXAS 78501  
Serving this community since 1908

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 29, 2017

10:30 a.m.

### Dedication Sunday / Reformation Sunday

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

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements / Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

Being rich in this world is wholly different from being rich towards God. Nothing is more uncertain than worldly wealth. Those who are rich, must see that God gives them their riches; and he only can give to enjoy them richly; for many have riches, but enjoy them poorly, not having a heart to use them.

— Matthew Henry's "Concise Commentary"

## GATHERING

\* Call to Worship      *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*      (see insert)  
(Choir sings through once;  
choir and congregation sing together the second time)

\* Opening Hymn      *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*  
No. 624 (Purple)

Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, our creator, who gave us all that we are and have,  
release us from self-centeredness to be able to share  
what we are, what we know,  
what we have with one another in this worship  
and in the world, which you love.  
In the name of Christ, who makes all sharing possible.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

In Christ our hope is new every day and there is no condemnation.  
Rise up and live as free people of God.  
**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to all.**

\* Gloria Patri      *Glory to God*      No. 583 (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      *2 Chronicles 31:5-10* (NRSV)  
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Anthem      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*      By Mark Hayes

Time with Young Disciples

Epistle Reading      *1 Timothy 6:17-19* (NRSV)  
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Sermon      "Who Is On First?"      Rev. Laura Mendenhall

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Reflection Hymn      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*  
No. 716 (Purple)

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

\* Offertory Prayer

We dedicate our gifts to you, O God  
**Help us to use them to glorify you;  
to be vessels of your work in this world.**  
We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.  
**Guide our leaders  
as they prepare us financially for the upcoming year.**  
Use us, O God, to do your work in this world.  
**Encourage us to see  
that we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ.**  
**Use us in your service.**  
We pray over these gifts, blessing them  
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

[Sarah E. Weaver (C) 2011]

\* Closing Hymn      *Though I May Speak* (all verses)      No. 693 (Purple)

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

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Congregational Response      *Though I May Speak* (v.3)      No. 693 (Purple)

\* Postlude

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## Announcements & Church Information

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Cristina & Graham Garfield* in celebration of Graham's birthday.

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Lucy Snearley* in memory of Kathryn Becker.

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following today's Worship Service to share in the **"DEDICATION SUNDAY" LUNCHEON.**

**SET CLOCKS BACK ...** *Daylight saving time* ends on **Sunday, November 5.** Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m., or earlier should you retire for the evening before then.

Next Sunday, November 5, we will include in the Worship Service an **OB-SERVANCE OF "ALL SAINTS' DAY,"** in which we will name and celebrate those dear to us who have passed to the Church Triumphant in the past twelve months. While we will be relying on church records for this, we want to be sure that none are omitted. If you wish to make certain that a particular person is recognized on that occasion, please contact the Church Office with their name.

The **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** returns to its "Present Word" curriculum beginning next Sunday, November 5. Join us in the Parlor at 9:00 a.m.

**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.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** and **SHAWLS AVAILABLE ...** Please ask an Usher to provide one for you should you so desire.

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

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR OCT. 29-NOV. 5, 2017

**SUNDAY / 22nd**

(*Dedication Sunday / Reformation Sunday*)

10:30 am—**Worship Service**

11:30 am—"Dedication Sunday" Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

4:30 pm—Youth

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

**WEDNESDAY / November 1st**

(*All Saints' Day*)

12:30 pm—Christian Education Calling (Parlor)

7:30 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

**THURSDAY / 2nd**

9:30 am—Space for God

**FRIDAY / 3rd**

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

**SATURDAY / 4th**

8:30 am—Session Retreat (Parlor)

**SUNDAY / 5th**

(*Daylight saving time ends / Christian and Citizen*)

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

4:30 pm—Youth

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