

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

Rev. Kathryn Escandell, pastor
Lita Simpson, liturgist
Rev. Kathryn Escandell, children's time
Roberto Garza II, choir director

MUSICIANS

Beverly Bradburn, organist
Lucy Snearley, pianist

USHERS

Drue Wilkes, captain
Nadine Force-Macey

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, Orlin & 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, 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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Rally Day 2017

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 10, 2017

10:30 a.m.

14th Sunday after Pentecost / Christian Education Week begins

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements / Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

Why should I wish to see God better than this day?
I see something of God in each hour of the twenty-four,
and each moment then,

In the faces of men and women I see God,
and in my own face in the glass;
I find letters from God dropped in the street,
and every one is signed by God's name,
And I leave them where they are,
for I know that others will punctually come forever and ever.

— Walt Whitman, from Song of Myself

GATHERING

* Call to Worship

God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's holy people.
**We answer this call by the grace of God
through the power of the Holy Spirit
in the name of God's own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Come, let us worship God.

* Opening Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* No. 619 (Purple)

* Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God, we confess that sometimes we close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.**

**God, we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world news or community concerns.**

**Forgive us our insulation in our own homes,
our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts.**

**Open up our lives.
Amen.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:
Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ.

And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;

Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Friends, believe 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

First Reading *Romans 13:8-12*
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Anthem

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading *Luke 7:11-23* (CEB)
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Sermon "What Do We See?" Rev. Kathryn Escandell

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Reflection Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* No. 451 (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

* Closing Hymn *Take My Life* No. 697 (Purple)

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* Blessing & Dismissal to Fellowship Hall

Announcements & Church Information

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Graham & Cristina Garfield* for everyone affected by Hurricane Harvey.

COME AND SEE—WHERE JESUS INVITES US INTO LIFE. FPC's "Rally Day 2017" is today! 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.

SPACE FOR GOD will resume meeting this coming 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*.

DEADLINE for the **OCTOBER '17 NEWSLETTER** is September 18.

NANCY SHEPHERD has returned home (330 Diana Dr., Alamo, TX). Visitors are welcome, but please call beforehand (956-369-1991).

The "**PRESENT WORD**" **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** invites you to join its study group on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Parlor. Hope to see you there next Sunday!

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.

If you have prayer requests that you wish to be made known, you can find **PRAYER CARDS** located in the back of each pew. Place in the offering plate or give to an Usher.

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 10-17, 2017

SUNDAY / 10th

(**"Rally Day 2017"**)

10:30 am—**Worship Service**

11:30 am—"Rally Day 2017" Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

4:30 pm—Youth

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

MONDAY / 11th

5:00 pm—Finance/Stewardship Ministry (Parlor)

6:00 pm—Property Ministry (Parlor)

TUESDAY / 12th

Noon—Christian Education Calling (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY / 13th

7:00 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

THURSDAY / 14th

9:30 am—Space for God

FRIDAY / 15th

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

SATURDAY / 16th

8:30 am—Community Associates Institute training seminar
(Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY / 17th

(**15th Sunday after Pentecost / Theological Education/Seminaries**)

9:00 am—Sunday School

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

10:30 am—**Worship Service**

3:00 pm—"Belhar Confession" Class (Parlor)

4:30 pm—Youth

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