

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), 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

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
Maria Colvin-Lopez, liturgist
Maria Colvin-Lopez, 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, 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

September 24, 2017

10:30 a.m.

16th Sunday after Pentecost / Evangelism Sunday

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements / Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

Jesus' story (from Matthew 20:1-16) makes no economic sense, and that was his intent. He was giving us a parable about grace, which cannot be calculated like a day's wages. Significantly, many Christians who study this parable identify with the employees who put in a full day's work, rather than the add-ons at the end of the day. We like to think of ourselves as responsible workers, and the employer's strange behavior baffles us as it did the original hearers. We risk missing the story's point: that God dispenses gifts, not wages. None of us gets paid according to merit.

— Phillip Yancy, "What's So Amazing About Grace"

GATHERING

* Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles. God remembers the covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. God is worthy of glory and praise!

* Opening Hymn *God Is Calling through the Whisper* No. 410 (Purple)

* Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after things

but we have not sought after you.

We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity.

We have not been gracious or grateful.

We have failed to remember all that you have done.

Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.

Help us to live with our brothers and sisters

in a broad place of welcome and compassion.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

People of God, our sins are forgiven;

we are reconciled to God.

Let us therefore love one another

with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

* 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

Joel 2:23-27 (Inclusive)

(*This is the Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God!*)

Anthem

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)

(*This is the Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God!*)

Sermon

"No More Standing Idle"

Rev. Kathryn Escandell

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

(from *The Confession of 1967*)

**God has created humanity in a personal relationship with God
that we may respond to the love of the Creator.**

**God has created male and female ... and endowed us
with capacities to make the world serve our needs
and to enjoy its good things.**

**Life is a gift to be received with gratitude
and a task to be pursued with courage.**

**We are free to seek our lives within the purpose of God:
to develop and protect the resources of nature
for the common welfare,
to work for justice and peace in society,
and in other ways to use our creative powers
for the fulfillment of human life.**

* Reflection Hymn

Listen, God Is Calling

No. 456 (Purple)

Prayers of the People / *Lord's Prayer*

Purple Hymnal, Pg. 35

Let us pray for this world God so loves, saying, God in your mercy,
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

O for a World (v. 1-4)

No. 372 (Purple)

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* Charge & Benediction

* Congregational Response

O for a World (v. 5)

No. 372 (Purple)

* Postlude

Announcements & Church Information

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Carolyn Landrum* in memory of Tommy Cook.

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Robert & Lita Simpson* in celebration of their daughter, Crystal's 30th birthday.

The **"PRESENT WORD" SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** is participating in the Stewardship season study of "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations," led by Bob Simpson, Maria Colvin-Lopez, and Pastor Kathy. Join us in the Parlor at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday morning.

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

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 or at 956-455-4111.

The **FPC YOUTH GROUP** wishes to wholeheartedly thank the congregation for its participation in the youth's "Montreat-or-Bust" bake sale fundraiser during "Rally Day." Thanks so much for your purchases and generous donations! You helped us raise \$1,238.

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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR SEPT. 24-OCT. 1, 2017

SUNDAY / 24th

(16th Sunday after Pentecost / Evangelism Sunday)

10:30 am—Worship Service

4:00 pm—Called Presbytery Meeting @ Grace Presbyterian, Corpus Christi

4:30 pm—Youth

5:00 pm—Spanish Worship Service (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY / 27th

7:30 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

THURSDAY / 28th

9:30 am—Space for God

FRIDAY / 29th

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

SATURDAY / 30th

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

SUNDAY / 1st

(17th Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion Sunday)

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)