

First Presbyterian Church of McAllen

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.- CLOSED; Tue.-Thur., 8:00 am—3:00 pm; Fri., 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Church Staff

Table with 3 columns: Name, Title, and another Name/Title. 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 Year, Name, Title. Lists members for Class of 2018, 2019, and 2020.

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
Cristina Garfield, liturgist
Ann Rowland, 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:

Allen Abraham, 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 & Loes 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, Rahul Sharma, 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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104 SOUTH 12TH STREET
MCALLEN, TEXAS 78501
Serving this community since 1908

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 3, 2017

10:30 a.m.

13th Sunday after Pentecost / Season of Peace Begins

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements / Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

God's power is revealed not in walks through the porticos of power, but through the dusty alleys of weakness and misery. That is where Jesus walked. That is where he leads us to walk. That is where he strengthens us to bear the burdens of discipleship. It is his burden we take upon our shoulders. It is his strength that bears the weight. We do nothing on our own, but he can do much through us. Without him, Peter was no rock, but a stumbling block. With him, Peter was the church. With him, we are not powerless to deny ourselves but able to bear all he may give us. Lloyd Ogilvie once put it this way: "We say, 'But, Lord, I cannot.' And God says, 'I'm glad to hear you say that. Through you, I can.' "

— Clayton Schmit, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

## GATHERING

### \* Call to Worship

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord,  
calls us to believe the good news of salvation.  
**His grace is sufficient for us.**  
Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength,  
but in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Let us worship God.**

\* Opening Hymn      *The God of Abraham Praise*      No. 488 (Blue)

### \* Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We confess how often it is true of us, O God,  
that when difficult times come  
and we are trapped in the little worlds of our own making,  
we never look up to see the signs of hope you hold for us.  
Restore to us, we pray, the vision of new life with new beginnings  
and the promise of your grace in the strength of your love;  
through Jesus Christ, Lord of life and love. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news:  
Christ has broken the power of sin and death  
and has opened to us the way of eternal life.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

Old Testament Reading      *Exodus 3:1-15*  
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Anthem      *Seek Ye First*      by Karen Lafferty

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading      *Matthew 16:21-28*  
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)

Sermon      "Beyond the Wilderness"      Rev. Kathryn Escandell

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith      (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.  
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      *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*      No. 384 (Blue)

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

\* Doxology      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      No. 592 (Blue)

\* Offertory Prayer

## SEALING GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, it is good, and it is joyful ...  
... joining all those on earth and in heaven who proclaim:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you for Jesus ...  
Great is the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

With thanksgiving we take this bread and wine ...  
All glory and honor are yours, Holy God,  
through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)*

Blue Hymnal, Pg. 16

Words of Institution

The Feast (by intinction) \*\*

\*\* (If you are unable to come forward to receive the elements,  
please raise your hand and a server will come to you in the pew.)

Prayer After Communion

**O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us,  
and mercifully redeemed us.  
Give us grace that in all things we may yield ourselves,  
our wills and our works, as an offering to you  
for the coming of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn      *Jesus Calls Us*      No. 720 (Purple)

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

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Congregational Response      *Jesus Calls Us (v. 4)*      No. 720 (Purple)

\* Postlude

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 3-10, 2017

### SUNDAY/3rd

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)

### MONDAY/4th

(Labor Day)

Church Office closed

### WEDNESDAY/6th

7:00 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

### FRIDAY/8th

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

### SUNDAY/10th

(14th Sunday after Pentecost / "Rally Day")

9:00 am—Sunday School

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

10:30 am—Worship Service

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

4:30 pm—Youth

5:00 pm—Spanish Worship Service (Parlor)