

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

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| Rev. Kathryn Escandell Pastor | Cam Henry Treasurer | Beverly Bradburn Organist |
| Michael A. Pullen Church Administrator | Roberto Garza II Choir Director | Lucy Snearley Pianist |
| Dana Friedman Clerk of Session | | Adela Zamora Custodian / Nursery |

The Session

Rev. Kathryn Escandell — Moderator
Dana Friedman — Clerk

Class of 2018

Spud Brown
Mike Hudler
Dottie Palmer
Dee Treviño

Class of 2019

Kathryn Henry
Henry McElmurray
Bob Simpson
Sher Wilkes

Class of 2020

Tom Ball
Maria Colvin-Lopez
Dana Friedman
Cristina Garfield

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, preaching
Dana Friedman, liturgist
Briana Olivares, children's time
Roberto Garza II, 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, 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, Jim & Mary Ann McLeod, Dolores Munoz, Kelly Nicholson, 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. **CELEBRATION:** Dottie Palmer & Neil Kohl announce their engagement (date not set). **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

January 14, 2018

10:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday after Epiphany / Race Relations

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements / Friendship Book

Prelude

Silent Preparation

Our task as Christians is not to "prove" the truth of the Christian faith, although many scholars have written persuasively of the truth of Christianity. Our task is not even to persuade others to become Christian. Our task is to say, "Come and see." Philip could have given Nathaniel some of his own opinions. But no: Philip simply said, "Come and see," as if to say, "You don't need me to advertise for Jesus; come and see for yourself." Nathaniel came and saw for himself. That now becomes our task, to tell people, "Come and see." Come and see what Jesus has done and is doing for you!

— Michael Rogness, "Working Preacher"

GATHERING

- * Call to Worship
Here, in God's presence,
may we hear God call our names.
**Call us again, O God,
for we come with a desire to know you better
and to worship you.**
- * Opening Hymn *God of Our Life* No. 686 (Purple)
- Prayer of the Day
- Call to Confession
- Prayer of Confession *Search Me, O God* No. 426 (Purple)
(Choir sings through one time; congregation joins to sing the second time.)
- Silent Confession
- Declaration of Forgiveness
Friends, God who is infinitely just and infinitely merciful
reproves our sinful ways, offers the grace of repentance,
and frees us to live as God's beloved children.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**
- * 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 *1 Samuel 3:1-10* (NRSV)
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)
- Anthem *Shout Glory, Hallelujah* by Hal H. Hopson
- Time with Young Disciples
- Gospel Reading *John 1:43-51* (NRSV)
(This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**)
- Sermon "Our Narrow Expectations" Rev. Kathryn Escandell

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)
**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles,
rules our faith and life in the church through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**
- * Reflection Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*
No. 722 (Purple)
- Prayers of the People / *Lord's Prayer* Purple Hymnal, Pg. 35
Let us pray for the world, the church, and all those in need, 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 *Be Thou My Vision* (vv. 1-3) No. 450 (Purple)

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

- * Charge & Benediction
- * Congregational Response *Be Thou My Vision* (v. 4) No. 450 (Purple)
- * Postlude

Announcements & Church Information

The **FLOWERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY** are presented to the glory of God by *Adriana Davila* in celebration of her and her sons' (Esteban and Pablo) birthdays. "Always thankful to the Lord for all his blessings."

Please join us for our **BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION** in the Parlor immediately following today's Worship Service as we honor all birthdays and wedding anniversaries for January.

The **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY** will gather here at the church this coming Tuesday, January 16. 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.

DEADLINE for the **FEBRUARY '18 NEWSLETTER** is January 22.

STAR WORDS FOR 2018 ... If you did not receive a "Star Word" last Sunday, please pick one up from the basket in the Narthex. Make your "Star Word" a part of your devotional life in 2018. Sit with it; pray with it; ponder where Jesus may be calling you into new life through this word. If your "Star Word" leads you to insights you'd like to share with the congregation, please write a brief reflection and e-mail it to fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com.

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

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 14-21, 2017

SUNDAY / 14th
(*2nd Sunday after Epiphany / Race Relations*)
10:30 am—Worship Service
4:30 pm—Youth
5:00 pm—Spanish Worship Service (Parlor)

MONDAY / 15th
(*Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.*)
1:00 pm—Lynn Flowers Board meeting (Parlor)

TUESDAY / 16th
1:30 pm—Prayer Quilt Ministry (2nd floor)
6:30 pm—Session (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY / 17th
7:30 pm—Choir practice (Choir room)

THURSDAY / 18th
(*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*)
9:30 am—Space for God

FRIDAY / 19th
7:00 am—Prayer Breakfast meeting (@ Denny's, 401 E. Nolana, McAllen)

SUNDAY / 21st
(*3rd Sunday after Epiphany / Criminal Justice*)
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)