



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 26, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A children's nursery is available upon request. Please see an usher to assist you)

ORGAN PRELUDE

(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come and Worship the Lord

Hopson

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All: Happy are those who trust in God.

****OPENING PRAYER**

*(The pastor will offer a prayer, to which the congregation will respond **Amen** [Hebrew for "it is so."])*

****HYMN 401**

Here in This Place

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You offer the joy of your Spirit, yet we waste away in sin and grief. You offer the life of your Word, yet we turn away in doubt and despair. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of

**your Spirit make us more tender and kind, living as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

****KYRIE ELEISON**

Hymnal 576

****TIME FOR SILENCE** *(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)*

****ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

****THE PEACE**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)

****GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal 581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dee Landen, liturgist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:1-7, 13b-15, 31

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?'

In the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the

ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

ANTHEM

I Am the Bread of Life

Toolan

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’ They were saying, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Just as) we must by eating receive food into our bodies in order that it may work in us, and prove its efficacy in us—since it profits us nothing when it remains outside us—so it is necessary that we receive Christ by faith, that he may become ours,

and he may live in us and we in him. For he says: “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst”; and also, “He who eats me will live because of me ... he abides in me, I in him.”

- Second Helvetic Confession (BOC 5.200)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: In our trouble and need, we look to the Lord, the giver of our daily bread, saying:
God of abundant grace,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the church . . . As Christ has given himself in love for us, help us to give ourselves for others, a fragrant offering and sacrifice of praise.

God of abundant grace,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the world . . . Give wisdom to the leaders of the world, that they pursue peace instead of war and show compassion in their decisions.

God of abundant grace,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for this community . . . Put away all bitterness and anger among us; teach us to be kind and tenderhearted, ready to forgive and live in love.

God of abundant grace,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for loved ones . . . Listen to the voices of those who cry to you; deliver them from every trouble, so that they may taste and see your goodness.

God of abundant grace,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Generous God, as you provide for us each day, nourish and strengthen us in faith and faithfulness, so that we may share your grace in a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life, who taught us to pray, Our Father ...

LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 35

CHORAL PRAYER

Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

**THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 606

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Lord see the offerings we place before you and hear the pledges of service we make in our prayers.

All: All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN 840

When Peace Like a River

**CHARGE

**BLESSING

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

(verse 4 only)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

WELCOME !

If this is your first time at First Presbyterian Church, we thank you for choosing to spend some time with us in worship.

If you have questions about us, or what we believe, you can talk to Rev. Sandoval after the service.

If you are just curious about us, we encourage you to take a welcome brochure with you. You can also check us out on the web at: www.fpc-rr.org.

If you feel that you have found a church home here and would like to join, that is wonderful! You can transfer your membership from another church or simply profess your faith in Jesus Christ. Talk to Reverend Sandoval after the service to make arrangements for joining.

In any event, be sure to fill out the friendship pad and include your email address. We'd love the opportunity to keep you informed about the wonderful things we are doing here at FPC.

THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2018

Faye Brown
Nancy Sandoval

Class of 2019

Jeff Dillard
Denise Hackenburg
John Shives

Class of 2020

Jimmy Bryant
Nancy Crowe
Mary Shelby
Wally Spragins

WORLD MISSIONS

Our church supports the missionary work of Larry and Inge Sthreshley in the Congo, and the Rev. Donald Marsden, Frontier Fellowship.

OTHER SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday School meets at 9:45 am for adults.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The morning CIRCLE meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:45 am, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Locations are announced in the bulletin or you may call the church office for further information. Tammy Spragins and Judith Clary are the Moderators of the Presbyterian Women.

PRESCHOOL

Our Preschool Program for two-year-olds meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am. Three-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:00 am or 12:00-2:30 pm.

Twos and Threes are taught by Leesa Daughtry and Shannon Knight.

Four year old classes meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and are taught by Susan Gaylor and Becky Faison. Classes are 8:30-11:30 am and 12:30-3:30 pm.

Contact the church office for further information.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

Jim Allen and Jimmy Bryant are the Co-President's of the Presbyterian Men. Sunday morning breakfast meetings are held periodically.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Pioneers – 3rd grade up to Middleschoolers
Senior Youth – Middleschoolers & Highschoolers
Contact the church office for more information.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor
Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant
Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director
Charles Harris, Organist
Nancy Sandoval, Choral Accompanist