

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 15, 2017*

*10:30 am*

## **Mission Statement**

*“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”*



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### **Class of 2019**

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Betty Pendleton

O God, let fear die and conviction be born in our lives.  
Let Your light dawn in our minds as the day dawns on the earth.  
Let us not be so busy hurrying into the future and worrying about the past that we lose today - the only one we have.  
God, help us do what we know we have to do today, and leave tomorrow to You.

from *Guide My Feet*  
by Marian Wright Edelman



## **Leading in Worship Today**

Rev. Carol Tompkins, Preaching  
Donna Morrison, Liturgist  
Dr. James Braswell, Music Director  
Dr. Martha Braswell, Organist  
Margaret Bardin, Pianist  
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual Ministry



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Gathering Around the Word of God**

**Welcome and Life of the Church**

**Minute for Mission**

**Prelude:** *Fairest Lord Jesus* Schlesische Volkslieder; arr. by Robert Vandall  
Martha Braswell and Margaret Bardin

**Introit:** #392 *Jesus, We Are Here* Patrick Matsikenyiri

**†Call to Worship**

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

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The Lord will make a feast for all people

**All: and destroy the power of death forever.**

**†Hymn of Praise:** #620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

**Call to Confession**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Silent Confession**

**Liturgist:** Amen

**Assurance of Pardon**

#71 *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* (refrain only)  
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and God will be my Savior.

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**†Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri) #581**

**†Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Chancel Time with Children**

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.  
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**Anthem:** *Speak and We Will Hear*

Joseph M. Martin and Jimbo Stevens

Silently, quietly, Lord, we feel you near.  
Silently, quietly, speak, and we will hear.  
Search us, Lord, know us, Lord, in Your Word show us, Lord.  
Silently, quietly, speak, and we will hear.

In the stillness of this hour let us feel Your presence strong.  
In the silence of Your temple, Lord, let us hear Your Spirit's song.

Silently, quietly, Lord, we feel you near.  
Silently, quietly, speak, and we will hear.  
Search us, Lord, know us, Lord, in Your Word show us, Lord.  
Silently, quietly, speak, and we will hear.

**Prayer for Illumination:** #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**First Lesson:** Exodus 32:1-14 (p. 63)

**Sermon Lesson:** Matthew 22:1-14 (p. 699)

**Sermon:** "The King's Messenger"

Rev. Carol Tompkins

**Responding to the Word of God**

**†Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

**†Hymn of Affirmation:** #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music:** *Softly and Tenderly* Will L. Thompson; arr. by Joel Raney

**†Doxology:** #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**†Prayer of Dedication**

**Taking the Word of God into the World**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)**

**†Hymn of Inspiration:** #542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

**†Benediction**

**Response:** # 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (verse 1)*

Elisha A. Hoffman and Anthony J. Showalter

**†Postlude**