

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

*Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are so glad that you are here!  
Please take a minute to fill out the friendship pad in your pew and pass it along to others.  
Our desire is to serve you and your family as you seek to grow in your faith.  
Please speak to the pastor if you would like to become a member of this community of faith.*

### WORSHIP TODAY

**Flowers** today are given to the glory of God by the Worship Committee.

**Flowers....**If you would like to donate flowers for the Sunday Worship Services, please sign your name on the flower chart calendar and complete the flower card, located by the bulletin boards in the hall. Please return the flower card to the church office or offering plate with your payment of **\$50.00**. Thanks for being part of this important ministry.

**We welcome the Reverend Howard Reed** who is preaching this morning while the Curries are away for family time and Continuing Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. We are grateful for Howard's friendship and faithful service to this congregation.

**The Barnabas Cards** are located in the pews. They are used like thinking-of-you cards. Fill out the person's name on the front and place it in the offering plate. A volunteer will address it and mail it for you.

#### Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

**Health concerns:** Brenda McCaleb; Sue Miller; Jane Christopher; Robert Corkran; Jackie & Granville Sydnor; Richard Baswell; Kenny Gilchrest; Norma Shepherd, Garland DeLoach; and Frances Jamison.

### WORSHIP HELPS

**Sanctuary Prayer Stations.** Stop and walk through the interactive stations any Monday-Thursday from 10-4 for a time of rest and renewal and to offer prayers of gratitude and hope.

**Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..." At First Presbyterian Church, we believe that children enrich worship within the full faith community. In them, Christ is present for us. We also believe that children learn best to worship by worshipping!** Therefore, all adults and youth are encouraged to help our young children experience the rhythms and rituals of worship: finding and standing for hymns, being still when we pray, and learning responses. Following "Chancel Time with Children", children are invited to take a Children's Bulletin from Pastor Jim and a worship bag or notebook to draw them further into the remainder of worship. Younger children (under 5) may go to the nursery in Room 1, if desired.

**Bibles and hearing enhancement devices** are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Coffee** is available before and after worship in the fellowship hall.

**Attendance: 5/14/17 - 120**

FPC Event Calendar		
Today	Sunday School for all ages	9:00 a m
	Worship	10:30 a m
	Handbells	12:00 p m
Tuesday, May 23	Pilates	10:45 a m
	Prayer Shawl	2:00 p m
	Yoga	6:00 & 7:00 p m
Wednesday, May 24	Baywood Crossing	10:00 a m
	Intercessory Prayer	11:00 a m
	FH Set-Up for Gathering Place	6:00 p m
	Choir Practice	7:00 p m
Thursday, May 25	Men's Breakfast at Franks	7:00 a m
	Gathering Place/Common Ground	10:00 a m
	Pilates	10:45 a m
	Spanish Bible Study	6:30 p m
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 p m
Saturday, May 27	Yoga	7:00 p m
	Men's Breakfast	8:00 a m
Sunday, May 28	<i>No Sunday School</i>	
	Worship	10:30 a m
	Handbells	12:00 p m
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day <b>FPC Office Closed</b>	

## FRIDGE NOTES May 21, 2017 - 6th Sunday of Easter

***Do You Want to Grow in Strength & Flexibility? Here are two wonderful ways each week at FPC.*** No experience? No problem! Simply wear clothes that move and bring a mat, \$5, and an open heart.

- ***Pilates Classes meet Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 10:45*** in the Bride's Room
- ***Yoga Classes meet Tuesday evenings at 6 & 7 and Thursdays at 7 pm*** in the Fellowship Hall

***The May Newsletter is available online at [www.fpcpasadena.org](http://www.fpcpasadena.org) and in the narthex.*** Stay informed about our church family life by reading "At First" each month.

***Combined June/July Newsletter Coming Soon!*** Please look ahead at your calendar and send any announcements, notes, recipes, articles, poetry, jokes, etc. that you'd like to share in this combined seasonal edition to Barbara at [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org) by ***tomorrow***, Monday, May 22. Thanks for making "At First" inspiring and informational! This early-summer edition will be available next Sunday.

***Calling ALL 2017 Graduates!*** On Sunday, June 11, we will honor all graduates (high school, community college, university, post graduate, etc.) during worship. To make sure we don't leave anyone out, please contact the church office with the name of your FPC graduate. May God bless each one (and their families) during this important time of transition.

***Vacation Bible School June 12-15 from 6-8:30 pm.*** Our theme this year is "*Growing in Grace & Gratitude: Encountering God in the Bible and Beyond!*" All children, youth and adults are invited to be part of this annual celebration, and, as always, friends are welcome! Sign up today to *attend* or *serve as part of the helping hands team*. See the display in the narthex (at the cross wall) for details.

***What is YOUR Favorite Hymn in "Glory to God"?*** If you have a favorite hymn in our hymnal that you are hoping to sing this summer, please fill out the card found on the pew and place it in the offering plate. At least one or two hymns will come each week from your suggestions this coming season at FPC.

***With Love and a Grateful Heart...*** Thank you for your generous support of the recent garage sale to support Youth Ministry! Because of your gifts of time (hours and hours) and treasures (a fellowship hall-full), we made just over \$6,000! The money will offset the cost of the summer youth mission/study trip to Ghost Ranch, summer "Wide Open Weekdays" (WOWs), and the coming year of mission and ministry. Plus, as is our custom, the youth will tithe 10% of the earnings! Watch for ways this money will be spent in other mission projects through FPC and into the world.

***Hymnal Dedications. Want to Honor, Thank or Remember a Loved One?*** Stop by the table in the narthex for details. If you have recently purchased a hymnal, find the hymnal you bought on the same table and then place it wherever you'd like in the sanctuary. Suggested love offering is \$15/hymnal. All money goes to support the mission and ministry here at FPC and beyond.

***Save the Date...FPC Brunch & Book Group, June 17 from 10-12 noon.*** Get your copy now and plan to come and celebrate our 6th Anniversary as we discuss "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Future book selections are displayed on the first bulletin board in the hallway. The group is open to all readers and welcomes new friends each month.

***Sunday School News.*** Today is the last day of the regular Sunday School year. Next Sunday, May 28, (Memorial Day weekend) all classes will pause. *Then, beginning June 4, Summer Sunday School will begin with "Mornings of Mission" (hands-on cross-generational mission project stations in the Fellowship Hall) and Pat Abrams' adult class in the Bride's Room.* Come grow in grace and gratitude each Sunday morning at 9!

***Pentecost Sunday is June 4...Wear Red!*** In the Christian tradition, Pentecost marks the end of the 50 Days of Easter. We hope you will wear something red (or orange or yellow) next week and stay after worship to be part of our annual group photo that has become a Pentecost custom here at FPC.

***Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, May 27th at 8:00 am.***

***FPC Handbells has openings for Ringers!*** No experience required. Handbells meet each Sunday after worship for an hour. Join us this, or any, Sunday to ring, ask questions, or just observe. Contact Martha Braswell, Handbell Director, with any questions at 713-854-2639 or email [magtoc@aol.com](mailto:magtoc@aol.com).

***Taken any inspirational pictures lately?*** Keep an inspirational "eye" open for images to use in slideshows, newsletters, bulletins, etc...especially during these upcoming vacation months! Send to Barbara at [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org).

***Kairos.*** Thanks to everyone who made cookies for the last Kairos event. The next Kairos weekend is June 9,10,11. Once again we need at least 100 dozen cookies (or more). Contact Janis Corder at 281-998-1376 if you need more information.

***Eloise Stoltz, a longtime member, celebrates her 99th birthday on June 1!*** A special request has come from her family (see June/July newsletter for the complete letter) to send her a card and a note for her birthday from those who know and remember her. Mail to: Eloise Stoltz, c/o Loving Comfort Care Home, 20432 Lana Lane, Porter, TX 77365

**Called Congregational Meeting** after worship on Sunday, May 28, 2017, to elect the 2018 Nominating Committee: Jim Braswell, Lavinia Brown, Danny Slaven, and Joy Webb.

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund.** People need help in our broken world. Most are embarrassed about their need. Some of them we know. Others come to us as strangers. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund allows the pastor to confidentially help those in need. Please consider marking your envelope "Pastor's Discretionary Fund," in order to be instruments of the Lord in a hurting world.