

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 and presented by Carol Brown in loving memory of Jim Brown and in honor of her mother, Clara Sandifer on her 90th birthday.

The Barnabas Cards are also 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: Norma Shepherd; Jackie Sydnor; Brenda McCaleb; Deanna Herreth; Sue Miller; Jamie Jamison; Frances Jamison; Kelsey Hilson; Kirsten Hilson; Dean Pogue; Jim Tinney; Betty Abramchuk; Elois Murray; Dr. Jack Walker; Shelly Childers; Christopher Finch; Sally Carr; Garland DeLoach; Jimmy Gilcrest; Susan Robinson; Janet Long; Curtis Woodward; Thelma Jean Paradysz; Dianne Bunnell; Benjamin Williams; Aaron-Nathaniel Arambula; Baby Gavis; Ashlee; and Joe Wallace.

WORSHIP HELPS

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.

Worship Attendance: 9/6/15: 85

FPC Event Calendar

Today	Called Congregational Meeting	11:30 am
	Sunday Lunch	12:00 pm
	Hand Bells	12:15 pm
Monday, September 14	Gathering Place Board Mtg.	1:30 pm
	Committee Meetings	6:45 pm
Tuesday, September 15	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	2:00 pm
	Interfaith Manor Mtg.	7:00 pm
Wednesday, September 16	Baywood Crossing Service	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer Group	11:00 am
	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday	5:45 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, September 17	Men's Breakfast at Franks	7:00 am
	Young at Heart (FH)	10:00 am
	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Men's Bible Study (BR)	7:00 pm
Saturday, September 19	Brunch & Book Group	10:00 am
Sunday, September 20	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	YGAC	12:00 pm
	Handbell Practice	12:15 pm
	Praise & Worship Service	6:00 pm

FRIDGE NOTES 9-13-15 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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*We pray that our eyes may be opened to see the wonder of the world around us...
to connect with, commit to, and celebrate God's gifts.*

A catered spaghetti and salad lunch will be served today following worship and the Called Congregational Meeting. Please join us in the fellowship for good food and good fellowship.

A New Year of Learning & Growing in the Faith Today was Rally Day at FPC, at time when children, youth and adults gathered from 9-10 in classrooms to explore the Bible, make new friends and learn ways to live that reflect God's love. Come find YOUR place to grow each Sunday morning at 9:00. For details about classes, look for handouts on the table in the narthex.

Looking ahead...Committees meet tomorrow night, September 14 at 6:45. We'll begin in the sanctuary for opening prayers and announcements, then travel to other spaces for an hour or so of prayerful planning. All youth and adults are encouraged to be part of shaping the life of the church here at FPC.

Wonderful Wednesday...Back After a Summer Hiatus! Mark your calendars for this Wednesday, September 16, for our first WW of the season. After a light meal from 5:30-6:00, we will be entertained by the delightful family called "The Traveling Murphy's" from 6-7:00. You don't want to miss this evening of musical fun. Look for photo on bulletin boards and glass doors.

The Young at Heart group will meet on Thursday, September 17th at 10:00 am.

Brunch & Book Group, Saturday, September 19, from 10-12 noon. Come be fed in body and spirit as we begin another season of learning through literature. We don't always agree with the lessons of any well-written book, but we always come away with new ways of looking at the world. The selection this month is Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman*. This recently released book is sure to bring lively conversation around the tables. For a peek into the rest of the fall, see the first bulletin board display or check out the September newsletter. Come...and bring a friend!

Youth Group After Church (YGAC) from noon-2 p.m. Next Sunday, September 20 All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to the FIRST gathering of the season next Sunday after worship. Come for food and fun, but even more important, come grow in faith and friendships as we begin designing our fall youth ministry program. You make a difference by being here. Come share your energy and ideas...and bring a friend!

Youth Meal Sponsors Needed If you'd like to offset the cost of providing lunch for our youth, please see Jo Ann or Jim Currie to sign up. A love offering of \$25+ will go a long way to feed our young people each week. Thanks in advance for your love and support!

Save the date...New Monthly Praise and Worship Service, Sunday, September 20th at 6:00 pm. Please come support this new ministry.

Young at Heart will be traveling to Moody Gardens in Galveston on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd. We will eat lunch afterwards at Miller's Seawall Grill. Contact Jamie Jamison for reservations. 713-947-0644

Worshipping God With Open Eyes Thanks to all who have sent photos for our sanctuary screens, adding a powerful visual dimension to our Sunday worship. If you have an image with open space to allow for words, we'd love to add it to the rotation of photos. May we be open to the beauty of God's world here as well as when we walk out the doors.

Soul Stories: 75 Years of Sowing Seeds of Hope...The deadline for submitting your memories of FPC is September 20th! Please see details on the anniversary table in the narthex. Your stories are an important part of the spiritual history of our church. Thank you for sharing!

Anniversary shirts...We have a new shipment of anniversary shirts; and this time they are RED! They will be available for purchase in the narthex. If you have any T-shirt questions, contact Natica Cooper.

Called Congregational Meeting Today

The session has called a congregational meeting for the close of worship today, for the purpose of asking the congregation to act on its recommendation that the size of the session be reduced from 15 elders to 12 elders. Also, if the Church Officer Nominating Committee is prepared to report, the congregation may be asked to hear that report and, if the way be clear, to act on it.

Kairos

Church Family,

How long do you go between the everyday and telling people how important they are? People matter, and more than that, they are more important than we are. It is time for us, as a family to move from the everyday, back to letting people know they matter. There is no better way than to tell them they are loved and valued. If you don't get to personally see them, then you can write a note of encouragement, sponsor them for a meal, sign a prayer chain, color a place mat, donate your personal time, bake cookies (Kairos approved only please) or just give financial support. When Christ said to love your neighbor as you love God, He didn't specify who your neighbor is. Get out of your everyday and let people know you are their neighbor and you care.

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FUN FACTS at First

The stained glass cabinet in our narthex was designed and donated by the Walker Family (Diane & Robert Hall, Sherrie & Gene Howard, & Dr. Jack Walker & wife Barbara. Diane, Sherrie, and Jack are siblings. Jack & his parents were charter members). The stained glass was in the original sanctuary on Harris and once removed, the project took three years to complete.

"Fun Facts at First"

If you would like to submit "Fun Facts at 1st", please send them to: Melba Slaven at 713-941-3666 or ddsmls@aol.com.