

## 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 Brian & Barbara Davis in honor and memory of our parents: Faye Baker Chapman, Darrell Chapman, Pete Baker, R.C. and Barbara Davis.

**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 Gilchrest; 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: 9/13/15: 113**

### FPC Event Calendar

Today	YGAC	12:00 pm
	Handbell Practice	12:15 pm
	Praise & Worship Service	6:00 pm
Monday, September 21	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 22	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	2:00 pm
Wednesday, September 23	Young at Heart Trip	9:00 am
	Baywood Crossing Service	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer Group	11:00 am
	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, September 24	Men's Breakfast at Franks	7:00 am
	Gathering Place (FH)	10:00 am
	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Men's Bible Study (BR)	7:00 pm
Saturday, September 26	FPC Men's Breakfast (FH)	8:00 am
Sunday, September 27	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	YGAC	12:00 pm
	Handbell Practice	12:15 pm

**FRIDGE NOTES 9-20-15 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church.*

*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 New Year of Learning & Growing in the Faith*** The Spirit is moving in our hallways and classrooms on Sunday mornings at FPC! Come find YOUR safe place to grow each week at 9:00 a.m., as we explore, question, learn and grow in relationship with God, one another and ourselves. No experience is necessary. Whether you are a seasoned student or new to Christian education, the doors are open. For details about class options, look for handouts and the September newsletter in the narthex.

***TODAY...Youth Group After Church (YGAC) from noon-2 p.m.*** All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to the FIRST gathering of the season. We'll meet in The Oasis (Room 12) immediately after worship today. 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!

***New Monthly Praise and Worship Service TONIGHT at 6:00 pm. Please come support this new ministry.***

***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 (or more) will go a long way to feed our young people each week. Thanks in advance for your love and support!

***Soul Stories: 75 Years of Sowing Seeds of Hope...The deadline for submitting your memories of FPC is TODAY!*** 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!

***Session Meeting Tomorrow Night at 7:00.*** All active elders are encouraged to read the session packet in advance so that we may spend our time together in Bible study and prayerful planning, seeking to follow where God may be leading us into the future! Thank you for your commitment to (and love for) Jesus Christ as expressed in the worship and work of this community of faith.

***Time is now for YAH (and guests) to make reservations for Moody Gardens*** to see a 3D movie or visit the Rain Forest and then a lovely lunch on the Seawall. ***Be sure and make your reservations with Jamie Jamison for the trip on Wednesday, September 23rd.***

***The 75th Anniversary Committee will meet this Wednesday at 5:45 pm in Room 10.***

***Attention Volunteers - The Gathering Place will meet this Thursday, September 24 at 10:00 am.*** This month's theme is "Football Tailgate Party." Volunteers please be at the church no later than 9:30 am on that morning.

***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.

***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.

**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**

Packing and delivering of Seafarers Boxes began 45 years ago by Johnnie Haltom.

**"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](mailto:ddsmls@aol.com).