

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 the Worship Committee.

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.

Loss of a loved one: the Kreitz family and the Goforth family

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: 8/30/15: IIII

FPC Event Calendar

Today	Grief Recovery Group	1:00 pm
Monday, September 7	Office Closed	
Tuesday, September 8	PW Day Circle Mtg.	9:30 am
	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	2:00 pm
	PW Night Circle Mtg.	7:00 pm
Wednesday, September 9	Baywood Crossing Service	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer Group	11:00 am
	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 pm
	75th Anniversary Committee Mtg.	5:45 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, September 10	Men's Breakfast at Franks	7:00 am
	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Men's Bible Study (BR)	7:00 pm
Saturday, September 12	Helping Hands Morning	9:30 am
Sunday, September 13	Sunday School	9:00 am
<i>Rally Day</i>	Worship	10:30 am
	Called Congregational Mtg.	11:30 am
	Sunday Lunch	11:30 am
	Handbell Practice	12:15 pm

FRIDGE NOTES 9-6-15 Fifteenth 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.*

The September Newsletter is available on the FPC website and in the narthex. Please read it for details of all the ministries going on here at First and beyond.

FPC Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, September 8th. The Day Circle meets at 9:30 am and the Night Circle meets at 7:00 pm.

The Baywood Crossing ministry resumes this Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. If you are interested in singing with some of the residents and clients at Baywood Crossing, feel free to show up at 10 a.m. We are always through at 10:30 a.m. Baywood Crossing is located on Space Center Blvd., just south of Crenshaw.

The Wednesday Noon Brown Bag Bible Study will resume this Wednesday in the fellowship hall. We will pick up where we left off in our study of Acts -- chapter 5. Bring a lunch and enjoy food, fellowship, and lively conversation. We are usually through by 1 p.m.

Helping Hands Needed Next Saturday, September 12, from 9:30-11:30. Come lend a hand to support our Sunday School teachers by doing simple but VERY important jobs. Sign up in the narthex today so Jo Ann will know how many donuts and kolaches to bring. Many hands lighten the load and your help is greatly appreciated! Plus it's fun to serve side by side.

First Sunday Lunch has been moved to September 13th. There will NOT be a Sunday lunch TODAY This has been moved to SEPTEMBER 13TH in conjunction with KICK OFF SUNDAY (Rally Day). A catered spaghetti and salad lunch will be served.

Next Sunday, September 13, is Rally Day...a day to come together for a new year of Sunday School! All children, youth and adults have a place to learn, explore and grow along your journey of faith during the Sunday School hour from 9-10. Whether you are a seasoned student or just beginning, you have a safe place to learn, encounter God and make new friends. For details and options, please see the September newsletter. See you next Sunday morning.

Looking ahead...Committees meet next Monday night, September 14 at 6:45. (Meeting date changed due to holiday). 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 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.

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!

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!

Called Congregational Meeting September 13th

The session has called a congregational meeting for the close of worship on Sunday, September 13, 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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Mark Corder

FUN FACTS at First

Elder Hilliard Butler made the wooden cross in our sanctuary. It was moved from the Harris street location.

"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.

Men's Weekly Breakfast

Every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. FPC Men gather for breakfast at Frank's Grill.