

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 Mark & Janis Corder in celebration of Beth's 31st 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; Dr. Jack Walker; Christopher Finch; Sally Carr; Jimmy Gilchrest; Susan Robinson; Dianne Bunnell; Aaron-Nathaniel Arambula; Cassandra Guice; Pat Clark; Doris Reed; Carrie Walker; Nancy Heeth; Rachel Herreth; Vicki Jones; Virgil Cammack; Olga Pate; Dave Askine; Susan Bauman; Nahid Shahid; Jeri Cooney & her husband; and Glenn Williams.

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:

Christmas Eve 12/24/15: 242 12/27/15: 73 1/3/16: 98

FPC Event Calendar

Today	Pot Luck Lunch	12:00 pm
	YGAC	12:00 pm
	Handbells	12:15 pm
	Confirmation Class	2:00 pm
Monday, January 11	Gathering Place Board Mtg.	1:30 pm
Tuesday, January 12	PW Day Circle Mtg.	9:30 am
	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	2:00 pm
	PW Night Circle Mtg.	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 13	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer Group	11:00 am
	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, January 14	Men's Breakfast at Frank's	7:00 am
	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Spanish Bible Study (BR)	7:00 pm
Saturday, January 16	Brunch & Book Group	10:00 am
Sunday, January 17	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Handbells	12:15 pm

We will be celebrating The Lord's Supper January 17th during the Worship Services.

FRIDGE NOTES 1-10-16 Baptism of the Lord

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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 Emmanuel...God With Us.*

Worshipping God With Open Eyes There are many ways to pray...with words, silence, music, and movement, to name a few. We can also pray with our eyes, sometimes called “visio divina” or “sacred gazing”. This morning, as you reflect on the images on the screens, prayerfully look for glimpses of God’s presence. May we be open to the majesty and mystery of God’s world here in worship as well as when we walk out the doors today. A special thanks to all who have submitted photos for our sanctuary screens. As always, if you have an image that somehow reflects God’s glory and presence, please send it to the office. We’d love to add your photos to the weekly rotation.

Pot Luck Lunch Today...In celebration of Church Officer Installation and Ordination, join us after worship for lunch.

Youth Group After Church (YGAC) Today After the all-church pot luck, all 6th-12th graders are encouraged to come to The Oasis (Room 12) for a time of recreation until 2:00. We will also design our Winter/Spring seasons, so bring your ideas. See you Sunday! (FYI...There will be no YGAC next Sunday, January 17. We’ll meet on again on Sunday, January 24.)

Confirmation Class to Begins Today at 2 p.m. (Following YGAC) Confirmation is a time for a young person to explore and discover in new ways what it means to follow Jesus Christ. It is an important milestone in a young person’s faith journey. All 6th-12th graders (and their parents/grandparents) who are interested in (or curious about) the new class are invited to stay after Youth Group for a one hour introduction and overview. A schedule and details will be handed out at the meeting.

PW day and night circles will meet on January 12th at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm. All women are welcome!

YAH will travel to Texas City, this coming Wednesday, January 13th to see an exhibit of the 1947 Texas City Disaster when a Liberty ship named the Grandcamp exploded. Afterwards we will eat lunch at the Reef Seafood House.(excellent reviews). We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.. Cost of the bus is \$3. the museum is \$3. then the only other cost is your lunch (average cost \$10. Guaranteed to enjoy yourself (or else)! Time is SHORT; contact Jamie Jamison (713-947-0644).

Brunch & Book Group, This Saturday, January 16, from 10-12 noon. The group will be fed in body and spirit as we discuss *Imperial Woman* by Pearl S. Buck. Newcomers are always welcome!

Next Sunday, January 17, Jim and Jo Ann Currie will be out of town. Jim will be attending a Continuing Education event Saturday and Sunday at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Rev. Carol Tompkins, daughter of Jean Johnston, will preach.

The office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King day.

A Reminder for all Session Members and Deacons...Our annual officer retreat is Saturday, January 23, from 9-3. Come be fed in body and spirit as we learn from our morning guest facilitator, the Rev. Dr. Steve Spidell, and prayerfully look at where God might be leading us in 2016. More details of the day are in the December/January newsletter in the narthex and on the FPC Website. We thank God for your commitment to Jesus Christ as we begin a new year.

A New Ministry at FPC A new Spanish Bible study began last Thursday and will continue each Thursday evening from 7-8 p.m. in the Bride’s Room. Sponsored by the Mission & Outreach Committee, the group is led by Imelda Carrillo, a commissioned lay pastor in our Presbytery and dear friend of FPC. If you have a family member, friend or neighbor who may be interested, please extend the invitation.

Financial News...For those of you requesting giving envelopes for 2016, they will be located on the table in the Narthex. If you still need envelopes let Kimberly or Marvin know.

Looking for Some Peace & Quiet? If so, you are invited to walk through our interactive prayer stations at the back of the sanctuary. Whenever the doors of the building are open, you are welcome to come in for a time of reflection and prayer...whether for ten minutes, an hour or an afternoon. **“Be still, and know that I am God”** is an open invitation to all.

THANKS to the wonderful generosity of FPC members and friends, there was a total of \$700.00 given to Pasadena Community Ministry (PCM) to help with the turkey baskets which were given out for Thanksgiving and Christmas to 400 needy and deserving families!!

Thanks to all of you who have turned in your pledges. This really helps me to prepare the estimate for next year, which in turns sets the budget. Year-end statements will go out in January. **As of December 31, 2015:**

Operating Budget:	Total Income: \$405,530.76	Total Expenses: \$411,869.26
Organ Repair Fund:	Total Needed: \$56,925	Total Collected \$56,367