

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 Bruce Walters in loving memory of Martha Walters.

If you would like to donate flowers for the Sunday Worship Services, please sign your name on the flower chart calendar that is located by the bulletin boards in the hall. **It is very important that you complete the flower card** (which is located on the bulletin board next to the chart) **with details of what occasion** (in memory, honor, special occasions, etc.) the flowers are for. Please return the flower card to the church office with your payment of \$40.00. You may also turn in the flower card in the offering plate. Thanks for being part of this important ministry.

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; Kelsey Hilson; Kirsten Hilson; Dean Pogue; Jim Tinney; Dr. Jack Walker; Sally Carr; Pat Clark; Doris Reed; Nancy Heeth; Rachel Herreth; Virgil Cammack; Olga Pate; Carolyn Oliver; Patsy Dunbar; Kimberly Mejia; Cynthia Foster; Mrs. Purslah Benjamin; Retta Bravo; Linda Caruso; Deborah Arambula; and Mel Hutchinson.

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: 2/10/17 Ash Wednesday 57 2/14/16: 99

FPC Event Calendar

Today	YGAC til 2 pm/Confirmation Class til 3:00 pm	12:00 - 3:00 pm
	Handbells	12:15 pm
Tuesday, February 23	Celebration Service	6:00 pm
	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
Wednesday, February 24	Prayer Shawl	2:00 pm
	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer Group	11:00 am
	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, February 25	Men's Breakfast at Frank's	7:00 am
	Gathering Place	10:00 am
	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Spanish Bible Study (BR)	7:00 pm
Friday, February 26	Youth meet at the church & head to Cho-Yeh	4:00 pm
Saturday, February 27	Men's Breakfast	8:00 am
Sunday, February 28	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Handbells	12:15 pm
	Youth return from Cho-Yeh	3:00 pm

FRIDGE NOTES 2-21-16 Second Sunday in Lent

*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church.
We pray that the words, music, and silence we experience this morning
will strengthen our relationship with God
as we journey to Jerusalem this Lenten season.*

The Annual Reports for 2015 are available in the narthex. Get yours today to remember and reflect on the life of FPC last year as expressed in words and images.

Youth Group After Church (YGAC) & Confirmation Class (CC) Today we will set up the Lenten Prayer Stations/Spirituality Center in the Sanctuary. All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to stay for lunch and be part of this annual tradition. Full seasonal youth calendars are on the youth bulletin board across from The Oasis (Room 12).

Celebration Service TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors for a casual service led by our own Praise and Worship band and singers. Hope to see you there!

Session News Last Monday night, we began our monthly meeting and Bible Study “Come to the Waters”, with Jason Reed leading the discussion Lesson One, *Birthing Waters--Creation*. If you have not done so, all ruling Elders are reminded to pick up your copy of the study from your box to prepare for Lesson Two. We look forward to a meaningful year as we study God’s Word.

Duerr Lecture Series at St. Philip Presbyterian Church You are invited to these (free) annual gatherings tonight through Tuesday, February 21-23, at 7 p.m. The series is on “Bearing Witness: Reframing Christian-Muslim Encounters.” See purple handouts in narthex for details. Need a ride on Monday or Tuesday? Check with the Curries for space in their car.

Our Lenten Journey...The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday and continues through Holy Saturday on March 26. To deepen your experience of this season of prayer and reflection, please pick up your devotional booklet on the glass table in the narthex. Families with young children are invited to also take an interactive Lenten calendar.

Lenten Prayer Stations/Spirituality Center Beginning tomorrow, the sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection during regular office hours. During this season of Lent, feel free to stop in and walk through some or all of the 17 stations that have been prepared by our youth. During Holy Week, the hours will be extended into weekday evenings and all day on Holy Saturday.

Have some news or gratitude to share? Put it in the FPC newsletter! Please send any articles or notes for the March newsletter to Cheryl by tomorrow, February 22.

Attention Volunteers - The Gathering Place will meet on February 25th at 10:00 am. This month’s theme is “Bee Mine Valentine.” Volunteers please be at the church no later than 9:30 am on that morning. *(Please wear black and yellow if possible.)*

Youth Cho Yeh Retreat Next Weekend All youth/adults registered for our weekend are reminded to meet in The Oasis at 4 p.m. on Friday. We will return to FPC on Sunday at 3 p.m. May God bless our weekend of mission, recreation, Bible study and worship. (No regular YGAC.)

Pasadena Interfaith Manor and its Board of directors will be holding their 50th annual Brotherhood Banquet Monday February 29, 2016 at 7pm at the Kyle Chapman East Harris County Annex. There will be entertainment along with a catered barbeque dinner. So, if you are in the mood for great barbeque and entertainment please join us. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased ahead of time from Lavinia Brown, Milo Wharry, or Brian Davis, or at the door the day of.

FPC Reformation Tour Coming in March, 2017 You are invited to join an exciting 11-day journey to Germany and Lutherland, including Prague in the Czech Republic. Come celebrate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of what would become the Protestant Church. Brochures with details of this pilgrimage are on the visitor’s table in the narthex. For further information, talk to Pastor Jim Currie.

New Shepherd Clusters Check out the 2016 Shepherd Clusters on the bulletin board in the hallway on the way to the fellowship hall. Each person now is part of a caring group with one Deacon and one or two Elders to serve as your shepherds. If you do not find yourself on a list, or have any corrections, please note it on the clipboard beside the board.

Seder Meal/Experience on Sunday, March 6 from 5-7 p.m. All children, youth and adults are invited to be part of this family Passover meal three weeks from tonight. The evening is free but we need an exact count to prepare tables and food. See the display in the narthex near the office to reserve your spot and to find ways to help prepare for this symbolic and meaningful meal.

Save the Date...A Day of Silence and Solitude at Villa de Matel, Tuesday, March 15, from 9:30-2:30. As a part of your Lenten journey, come experience a day of quiet prayer in the beautiful setting of this local convent just minutes from Pasadena. For more information, see the table in the narthex. Curious? Nervous? Fear not. Just talk to Edith Langdon or Jo Ann Currie.

**We will be celebrating The Lord’s Supper
today during the Worship Service.**

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.