
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**Welcome and Announcements**

Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew.

Minute for Mission*Kairos*

Mark Corder

Passing the Peace of Christ**Organ Voluntary** *Aria*

Paul Manz

Introit #392 *Jesus, We Are Here*

Patrick Mastsikenyiri

†Call to Worship

James Taylor

One: We observe this day as the Lord's Day,

All: and we give thanks to God, who gives justice to the oppressed,

One: who forgives us and redeems us,

All: and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

One: Let us worship the One who is worthy of our praise!

†Hymn #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

Ushers will collect yellow Prayer Request cards.

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,

and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we are blessed that you are our Judge and our Redeemer. We confess that we have double standards. We seek forgiveness for ourselves but fail to forgive others. We seek relief for ourselves but fail to seek relief for others. We seek leniency for ourselves but fail to show mercy to others. Forgive us, Gracious God, and help us forgive and show others the same grace and mercy that you generously show us.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon**†Gloria Patri #581****Prayer for Illumination****Old Testament Reading** Psalm 103:8-14

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

Anthem *Come Share God's Gift*

Nancy Price and Don Besig

*In friendship and love, faithful and true; come now and know the grace of God is all around you.
In worship and praise, honoring Him; come now and pray and thank Him for all He gives to you.
Come servants of the Lord and graciously receive the meal prepared for you this day.
In mem'ry of Christ, gathered in peace; come now and share this moment of fellowship and faith.*

*Let us break bread together in His name. Let us break bread together in His name.
With our hearts joined as one, to His table now we come and we seek forgiveness in His name.*

*The body of Christ broken for you; take now and eat and let His spirit dwell within you.
The blood of the Lord, shed for your sins; take now and drink and let His forgiveness make you new.
For all who break this bread and all who drink this cup are joined in Christian harmony.
The gift of the Lord, offered in love; come now and share His promise of everlasting peace.
Come now and share God's peace.*

New Testament Reading Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Sermon *"Jesus' Math"*

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

†**Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

†**Hymn #444** *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

DETROIT

*Forgive our sins as we forgive, you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.*

*How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?*

*In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.*

Call to Offering

Offertory *Give Me Jesus*

arr. Mark Hayes

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving the Elements

Prayer After Communion

†Hymn #769 *For Everyone Born*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,*

Refrain

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

*For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair,*

Refrain

*For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,*

Refrain

*For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, or just and unjust, a new way to live,*

Refrain

*For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,*

Refrain

†Charge and Benediction

†Response #548 *May God Support You All Your Days*

Lee Hastings Bristol Jr.

Postlude *Hymn to Peace*

John Goss, arr. Wallace and Head

*The Postlude is given as an offering to God. Please remain seated.
If you wish to express appreciation, please do so by saying "Amen."*

†Please stand in body or spirit

Flowers today are given to the **glory of God** by Pat McPhail in memory of Bill McPhail's birthday on September 22.

Worship in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at fpcpasadena.org.

FPC Sunday School Fall Schedule @ 9 am:

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study**—8:45 am in the Library. Led by Mark Corder.
- **Stepping Out in Faith**—Bride's Room & Zoom (*contact Bonnie Keith for the Zoom link*). Pat Abrams leads the current study of *Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8. Mark Clemmons leads the study of *Reading for the Love of God: How to Read as a Spiritual Practice* by Jessica Hooten Wilson.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- **6th-12th grade** led by James Jackson and Brian Davis meets in Room #10.
- **Confirmation**—Oasis, Room #12. Led by Rev. Fair and Tom Swan.

Fellowship @ 10 am each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Drop in for a quick hello and a cup of coffee!

De-Clutter Group meets once a month. The next meeting is **Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 pm** in Room #9. For more information, contact Barry Webb.

CUT-UPS with Liz Reed meets Wednesday, September 20, at 1:00 pm in Room #9. The craft for this month is a **Ghost Light**. You will need: a mop top, glass or jar, lights, and a glue gun. *September lunch option – Savannah's at 11:30 before Cut-Ups.* Contact Liz for more details at 832-256-5814.

Young at Heart—Thursday, **September 21, at 10 am** in the Fellowship Hall. No need to bring anything, **pizza** will be ordered, a variety of **games** will be played, and a **door prize** awarded. **Come try out the new card shuffler!**

Save the Date-October 28! The Quilts for Veterans Project has begun! Red, white, and blue fabric is being purchased in preparation for all Quilters, Sewers, Snippers, etc... to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a full day of cutting, sewing, snipping, and quilting Quilts for Veterans. Watch the bulletin for more details. Contact Donna Gilchrest at 281-830-3176 for more information.

Greeters are needed every Sunday in the Narthex at the greeting table to ensure all who walk through our doors feel welcomed. See Imelda Carrillo for questions and tell her your availability. Thank you!

Barnabas Cards –The Greek boy's name Barnabas means "son of encouragement." In the Bible, Barnabas was a disciple known for his mentoring and support. The **orange cards** in the pew racks are for you to write a **'note of encouragement'** to someone. FPC will stamp, address, and mail your card! (*Please add an address if they are not a member.*)



The next **Kairos** weekend at the Carol Vance Unit is **October 20-22**. There are many ways you can support this life-changing ministry: (1) **Bake cookies** - no nuts or fruit - and place them in the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen before October 18. (2) **Write letters** of encouragement to participants before October 11. (3) Sign up on the **prayer chain list**. (4) **Decorate** placemats or sacks. (5) **Donate** to the cost of the weekend. See Mark Corder or Margaret Bardin and visit the Kairos table in the Narthex for more details.

Shoebboxes are needed: PW will be packing Christmas boxes for seafarers in early October. If you have any regular adult sized shoebboxes that you won't be filling yourself, please leave them in the library.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Bruce Walters; Imelda Carrillo's granddaughter, Lauren Ware; Imelda Carrillo's friend, Alice Ramirez; Frank & Glenda Kucera; Joyce DeLoach; Corrie Martinez, friend of Richard Heeth; Leah Slaven; Jackie Welch; Maurice Barclay; Dee Lowery's friend, Yvonne McArthur; Jim Tinney; Kay Goates; Don Christopher; Frank Kucera's son, Christopher; Dolores Thacker's son, James Thacker; Emma Abrams; Pat Pesl; Joan Gibertini's daughter, Deborah Gaskins; Mike & Susan Wallace; Kay Hutson; Brad Stratton; Mary & Rex Knapik; Imelda Carrillo; those who are homebound; Ukraine; Baywood Crossing.

Loss of loved one: Ron Ollis' mother, Mary Kay Potts' husband, Charlie Potts, died September 11. Ron is in North Carolina with his family and will play for the service. Please pray for Ron and safe travels.

Jackie Welch died Friday, September 15, 2023. Please keep Bill in your prayers.

Sunday, Sept 17	Sunday School—Men’s Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Confirmation Class—Oasis	9:00 am
	Fellowship @ 10—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Deacons—#10	11:30 am
	Discipleship—Library	11:45 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	Private/ FH—Ministerio Corban	4-8:30 pm
	Monday, Sept 18	Session Meeting—FH
Tuesday, Sept 19	Prayer Shawl—#10 and Zoom	1:30 pm
	Yoga-Chair—FH	5:00 pm
	Declutter Group—#10	6:00 pm
Wednesday, Sept 20	Yoga-Floor—FH	6:15 pm
	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Brown Bag and Bible Study—FH	12:00 pm
	Cut-Ups—#9	1:00 pm
Thursday, Sept 21	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	Men’s Breakfast at Frank’s	7:30 am
	Young at Heart—FH	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	11:00 am
	Chain Stitchers—#9	12:00 pm
	Yoga-Chair—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
Sunday, Sept 24	Yoga-Floor—FH	6:15 pm
	Sunday School—Men’s Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Confirmation Class—Oasis	9:00 am
	Fellowship @ 10—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	Private/FH—Ministerio Corban	4-8:30 pm

Mission Statement

“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”

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