

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

### Welcome and Announcements

Jason Reed

*Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew. If you have a prayer request, complete a yellow prayer card. Ushers will collect them during the opening hymn.*

### Passing the Peace of Christ

### Organ Voluntary

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

JESU MEINE FREUDE (BWV 610), Johann Sebastian Bach

### Introit #469

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Ken Medema

### †Call to Worship

One: Come, you who are weary.

**All: Let us lay down our burdens, for God can carry them.**

One: Come, you who are joyful.

**All: Let us join in God's praise with the choir of the saints.**

One: Come, you who are doubting.

**All: Let us behold the one who brings sight to the blind!**

### †Hymn #450

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

### Prayer of Confession

**God of us all, have mercy on us. Heal us of our blindness, O Lord, for it is a blindness we choose. We close our eyes when faced with the suffering of the world, turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors, and blur the faces of others, lest we recognize your image. Loving God, have mercy on us. Heal us of our blindness and open our eyes to the beauty of your grace.**

(Silent Confession)

### Assurance of Pardon

### †Gloria Patri

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Reading:** Job 42:1-6

Then Job answered the Lord: “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. “Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?” Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. “Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.” I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

**Anthem**

*Within these Walls*

Pepper Choplin

*Within these walls, we assemble. Within these walls, we gather in your name.  
As we join our hearts in a holy union, we come to find communion in your holiness again.  
Within these walls, let there be harmony; a common bond; a Spirit from above.  
And as your children let us love each other as sisters and as brothers united by your love.  
We are the branches, You are the vine. We are the vessels, and You are the wine.  
We are the body, You are the Head. For ev'ry hunger, You are the Bread.  
Within these walls, we assemble. Within these walls, we gather in your name.  
As we join our hearts in a holy union, we come to find communion in your holiness again.  
Within these walls, let there be refuge, a place of rest when doubts and trials form.  
And let us lift each other as we gather to find your peace no matter how terrible the storm.  
We are the branches, You are the vine. We are the vessels, and You are the wine.  
We are the body, You are the Head. For ev'ry hunger, You are the Bread.  
Within these walls, give us your vision. Within these walls, let us understand  
That beyond these walls, there are hurting people who have never felt your healing hand.  
Beyond these walls, send us forward. Beyond these walls, let your will be done,  
we are your people; You will leave us never and we shall work together until your kingdom comes.  
Your kingdom come! Within these walls, let us listen. Within these walls, let us pray. Let us pray.*

**New Testament Reading:** Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**Sermon**

“Eye Opening”

Rev. Dr. Jim Gill

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

†**Hymn #452**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

OPEN THE EYES

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you; I want to see you;  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you; I want to see you;  
To see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love*

as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."  
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering  
Offertory

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE, arr. Gilbert Martin

†Doxology #606

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

†Charge and Benediction

†Response #548

May God Support You All Your Days

Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

Postlude

Recessional on SAINT ANNE


arr. Gordon Young

†Please stand in body or spirit.

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We welcome to the pulpit this morning the Rev. Dr. Jim Gill. Jim is a native Houstonian, a graduate of the University of Houston and Austin Presbyterian Seminary. He and his wife Anne are the parents of two children and grandparents to three perfect grandchildren. Jim is an Honorably Retired member of the Presbytery of New Covenant and currently serves as Parish Associate at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Houston.

 **Flowers** today are given to the **GLORY OF GOD** by David & Debra Kirkpatrick in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary

**Worship** in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org).

**FPC Sunday School: All classes except Men's Bible Study begin at 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: 2 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8, discussion of the book *Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better*, by Brant Hansen.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- **6th-12th grade**—Room #10. Led by James Jackson and Brian Davis.

 Drop by the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School or before worship for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and possibly a 'treat'... 10-10:30 every Sunday morning.

**Bless a Seafarer** by filling a Christmas box. Empty boxes and a gift list can be picked up in Fellowship Hall. Please return filled and wrapped boxes by November 17. Prayer Shawl Ministry has knitted stocking caps for your box.


**Each Sunday**, look for the 85th Anniversary table in the narthex for a variety of items to purchase with all proceeds going to the 85th Anniversary Fund.

**The session has authorized a special Love Offering now through the end of October** to help defray costs of unexpected building expenses due to the tornado, Hurricane Beryl, and our aging facilities. If you are able to make a gift above and beyond your regular pledge to help meet the church's needs, your support will be greatly appreciated. Checks may be marked "Love Offering." Gifts also may be made online and designated "Love Offering."

With the devastation from the recent hurricanes, the need is great. If you can, please donate to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** through our website or directly at <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-helene/>. Checks may also be made to the church with the designation PDA.

**All Saints' Sunday is November 3.** During worship, we will mark this occasion of remembrance by calling the name of a loved one who has died since November 1, 2023. **Submit a name and a picture** for this service, email Barbara ([office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org)), Betty ([office2@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office2@fpcpasadena.org)), or call the office 281-991-8700 **by Tuesday, Oct. 29.**

**The Brunch and Book Group** meets next on Saturday, **November 16**, 10-Noon in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss the book **How to Age Disgracefully**, by Clare Pooley.

**No Trunk or Treat at FPC for Halloween.**  Have a fun Halloween, enjoy all the candy, and stay safe!

**Remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Health concerns:** Nola Bray; Jim Tinney; Frank & Glenda Kucera; Mary Knapik; Mike & Susan Wallace; Emma Abrams; Laura Neal Hatridge, her family, and her friend, Donna; Pat Pesl; Kay Hutson; Imelda Carrillo; Aimee Hackney, Anne Berridge; Cathy Armstrong; Lavinia Brown's sister, Edith Morehead; Diane Hall's loved ones; Ukraine and the Middle East.

**Loss of loved one:** Rex Knapik died October 20. Please keep his family in your prayers. Memorial Service is Saturday, November 2, 12:00 pm at FPC.



**DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK!  
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024**



Sunday, Oct 27	Sunday School/Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School/All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship—Rev. Dr. Jim Gill	10:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
	<b>PRIVATE/CASA DE DIOS—FH</b>	<b>4:30-7:30 pm</b>
Tuesday, Oct 29	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
Wednesday, Oct 30	Brown Bag & Bible—FH	12:00 pm
	Prayer Shawl—#10 and Zoom	1:00 pm
	<b>PRIVATE/CASA DE DIOS—FH</b>	<b>6:30-9:30 pm</b>
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Oct 31	Men's Breakfast—Frank's	7:30 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	1:30 pm
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15pm
Saturday Nov 2	Memorial Service-Rex Knapik	12:00 pm
	<b>PRIVATE/BABY SHOWER—FH</b>	<b>1:00-4:00 pm</b>
Sunday, Nov 3	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	<b>Fall Back</b>	<b>Fellowship—FH</b>
	<b>One Hour!</b>	Worship-Communion
		1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Lunch—FH
		Handbells—#11
		<b>PRIVATE/CASA DE DIOS—FH</b>
		<b>4:30-7:30 pm</b>

### 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."

#### FPC Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Brett Coe Trustee	Roy Kreitz Trustee	Betsy Marlow Trustee
Donna Gilchrest	James Jackson	Sarah Brown
Bonnie Keith	Pat McPhail	Jason Reed
Tom Swan	Laura Phipps	Barry Webb

#### FPC Deacons

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Donna Coe	Imelda Carrillo	Samantha Cayton
Rhonda Haskins	Cappy Phipps	David Kirkpatrick
Elois Murray	Liz Reed	Claudia Kreitz
James Taylor	Karen Schimnowski	Dolores Thacker

#### Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Jim Gill  
 Jason Reed, Liturgist  
 Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
 Ron Ollis, Organist  
 Barry Webb, Audio-Visual  
 Yulissa Delgado, Nursery Attendant

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