

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****Welcome and Announcements**

Bonnie Keith

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*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.*

**Minute for Mission**

Karen Taylor

**Passing the Peace of Christ****Organ Voluntary***Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

**Introit***O Be Joyful in the Lord*

Hal H. Hopson

**†Call to Worship (from Psalm 121)**

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will our help come?

**All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

One: Let us worship God!

**†Hymn #353***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

*His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

## Prayer of Confession

Creating, reconciling, and inspiring God of the space between us and of the entire universe, we stray from your ways like lost sheep. Knowing that brokenness with another is brokenness with you, we regret the brokenness we cause and we regret lost opportunities for the bridge-mending we meant to do. We follow too much the desires, addictions, and plans of our own hearts. We cannot help ourselves. But you, O God, still have mercy upon us. Restore us from regret to reconciliation, according to your promises, and grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name.

(Silent Confession)

## Assurance of Pardon

## †Gloria Patri

## Prayer for Illumination

### Hymn #458

*Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

THY WORD

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

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*When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.*

*Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

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## First Readings:

Dr. Michael Magee

### John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

### Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Anthem**

If My People from Legacy of Faith

Joseph M. Martin

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray.  
If my people will seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven.  
Then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins.  
I will heal their land.*

**Second Readings:**

**Matthew 11:28**

Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

**Jeremiah 29:11**

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

**Sermon**

**“What Perches in Your Soul?”**

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

**†Hymn #815**

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

FESTAL SONG

*Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be  
undismayed. God hears thy sighs and  
counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.*

*Through waves and clouds and storms God gently  
clears the way. Wait patiently; so  
shall this night soon end in joyous day.*

*Leave to God’s sovereign sway to choose and  
to command. So shalt thou, wondering,  
own God’s way, how wise, how strong God’s hand!*

*Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast  
truth declare, and publish with our  
final breath thy love and guardian care.*

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

Pastor: For the church who bears Christ’s name, that the world may know we are His disciples by the love that we have for one another.

**All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, here, and around the world, that they may hear the still small voice of Your Holy Spirit.

**All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, here, and around the world, that may escape from evil and death, to find the land of freedom You have promised.

**All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those who are hungry and thirsty this day here, and around the world, for those who have more than they need, that we may learn to share Your generous gifts, O God.

**All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those who are dealing with the loss or facing death, here, and around the world, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them.

**All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily our bread,  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### Call to Offering

**Offertory**

*I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ (BWV639)*

Johann Sebastian Bach

### †Doxology #606

### †Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

*Our God, our help in ages past, our  
hope for years to come, our shelter from the  
stormy blast, and our eternal home:*

*Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy  
saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine  
arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or  
earth received its frame, from everlasting  
thou art God, to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight are  
like an evening gone, short as the watch that  
ends the night before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

### †Charge and Benediction

†Response

*Threefold Amen*

Richard Warner

Postlude

*Jubilation*

Gordon Young

†Please stand in body or spirit.

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We welcome to the pulpit this morning the Reverend Doctor Michael Joseph Magee, MD. With his wife he celebrated their 47th anniversary this year, and has four grandchildren, one in Nashville, and three in Bellaire where he lives. He has retired from two careers, as a physician specializing in medical oncology and as an interim pastor for churches in transition between pastors. He graduated from Auburn with a BS, from the University of Tennessee with an MD, from the University of South Florida with an MBA, and from Vanderbilt with an MDiv. He graduates with a Masters in Conflict Management at Lipscomb University this December, and is a certified mediator. He likes to cook for his neighbors, is writing a novel, waters a tiny garden, and is trying to learn how to play a banjo. His latest occupation is grandchildren chauffeur!

**Flowers** today are given to the **GLORY OF GOD** in memory of Mary Munroe Dorris by Susan Dorris Barcelo and Margaret Dorris Bardin, and in memory of Kay Goates birthday by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

**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: 1 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8, begins a study 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.

**Presbyterian Women Wreaths Across America — Houston 2024.** To sponsor a wreath, stop by the table in the narthex, Questions? Contact Melba Slaven @ 713-557-7195.

**The Brunch and Book Group** meets next on Saturday, **October 19**, 10-Noon in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss the book **The Housemaid**, by Freida McFadden. "Everyday I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house top to bottom...but I reassure myself; the Winchesters don't know who I really am. They don't know what I'm capable of..."

**The next Young at Heart Bus Trip** (for ages 55+) is **Friday, October 25**, to The George Ranch Historical Park, Richmond, Tx and tour of historic home with costumed interpreters, hands on activities, cattle working and blacksmithing demonstrations and more at the George Ranch. Cost--\$20.00, plus your lunch at Cristobal Mexican Grill and Bar, Rosenberg, Tx. The Bus loads at 10:15 am, departs at 10:30 am.

**The session has called a Congregational Meeting** to follow worship on October 6 for the purpose of electing elders and deacons for the Class of 2027 and at-large members of the 2025 Congregational Nominating Committee.

**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."

**Remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Health concerns:** Faye Chapman; Mark Clemmons; Frank & Glenda Kucera; Mary & Rex Knapik; Mike & Susan Wallace; Emma Abrams; Pat Pesl; Kay Hutson; Imelda Carrillo; Anne Berridge; Cathy Armstrong; Lavinia Brown's sister, Edith Morehead; Diane Hall's loved ones in Lebanon; Ukraine and the Middle East.

**Loss of loved one:** Kay Goates died September 18. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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Sunday, Sept 29	Sunday School/Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School/All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship— Rev. Michael Magee	10:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
Tuesday, Oct 1	PW Board Meeting—FH	9:30 am
	PW Pack Seafarer Boxes	10:15 am
	Chair Yoga—Narthex	5:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—Narthex	6:15 pm
	PRIVATE/GIRL SCOUTS—FH	6:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct 2	<b>No Brown Bag &amp; Bible</b>	
	Prayer Shawl—#10 and Zoom	1:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Oct 3	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
Sunday, Oct 6	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship—Communion	10:30 am
	Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary	11:30 pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Lunch—FH	11:30 am
	Officer Training—#10	11:45 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."

#### FPC Elders

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

#### FPC Deacons

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

#### Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Michael Magee  
Bonnie Keith, Liturgist  
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
Ron Ollis, Organist  
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual  
Yulissa Delgado, Nursery Attendant

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