

Reformation Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair

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.

Minutes for Mission

Betsy Marlow

Roy Kreitz

Passing the Peace of Christ**Prelude***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

DIADEM, James Ellor, arr. Diane Bish

Introit #695*Change My Heart, O God*

Eddie Espinosa

†Call to Worship

Iliana Vela

One: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

All: **We humble ourselves before our God, ready to hear and receive God's truth.**

†Hymn #624*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.*

*Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.*

*Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge. You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; you challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear. And yet you keep calling. Have mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive your truth.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon**†Gloria Patri****Prayer for Illumination**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 84:1-7

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Anthem

What Shall I Render

Allen Pote

What shall I render to my God for all the good things the Lord has done for me?

What shall I render to my God for all the good things the Lord has done?

I will lift up the voice of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

What shall I render to my God for all the good things the Lord has done for me?

I will offer my song of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant, I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.

You have loosed my bonds and set me free,

I am your servant, I am your servant.

What shall I render to my God for all the good things the Lord has done for me?

I will offer my song of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

New Testament Reading: Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Sermon

"In God We Trust"

†Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2: 6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

†Hymn #794

O Savior, in This Quiet Place (verses 1-2, 5-6)

ST. STEPHEN

O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may kneel,

I also come to ask for grace, believing you can heal.

If pain of body, stress of mind, destroys my inward peace,
in prayer for others may I find the secret of release.
But if the thing I most desire is not your way for me,
may faith, when tested in the fire, prove its integrity.
Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown,
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as your own.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering Offertory

Children of the Heavenly Father

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
arr. Diane Bish

†Doxology

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never
failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of
mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth
seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be
losing, were not the right man on our side, the
man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from
age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his
truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we
tremble not for him. His rage we can endure, for
lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.
That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through
him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this
mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's
truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

†Charge and Benediction

†Response

Twofold Amen

Richard Warner

Postlude

Toccata

SAINT ANNE, William Croft
arr. Gordon Young

†Please stand in body or spirit.

 FLOWERS are given to the GLORY OF GOD and for the Love and Lives of Arthur and Wendy Schramm, parents of Marilyn Wilkins

WORSHIP in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at 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 is leading a study of *John for Everyone: Part 1*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8, discussion of the book *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*, by Mariann Edgar Budde.
- **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.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is today, October 26th. We respond to God's grace with gratitude! Please place your pledge card in the offering plate, mail it, or drop it by the church office.

St. George Fall Fest is in the Fellowship Hall on Halloween, October 31 @ 5:00 pm. Play games, learn about St. Raphael, potluck, & fellowship.

All Saints' Sunday is November 2. During worship, we will mark this occasion of remembrance by calling the name of loved ones who have died since November 1, 2024. To submit a name and a picture for this service, email Barbara (office@fpcpasadena.org), Betty (office2@fpcpasadena.org), or call the office (281-991-8700).

First Sunday Lunch join us for food and fellowship after worship next week, **Sunday, November 2**. Caring Ministry is providing turkey, dressing, gravy and cranberry sauce. Please bring side dishes and desserts.

Bless a Seafarer by filling a Christmas box. Empty boxes and a gift list can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall. Please return filled and wrapped boxes by November 2.

Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on **November 9** for the purpose of electing an Elder to fill an unexpired term in the Class of 2026.

Presbyterian Women Wreaths Across America — Houston 2025. To sponsor a wreath, **USE THE FORM IN THE NARTHEX WITH THE QR CODE AND PW LOGO ONLY.** Each sponsored wreath will be placed on the grave markers at the Houston National Cemetery. The cost of each wreath is \$17.00. PW receives \$5.00 from the sale of each wreath which goes toward our outreach to veterans. **Use the QR code on the form for credit cards. Checks can be mailed to the address on the form (include form), or give Melba cash or checks.** Take extra forms to share with family and friends! Order by November 23. Questions? Contact Melba Slaven @ 713-557-7195.

Orphan Grain Train Houston has packed over 2,100 boxes for shipment and needs more donations to meet local and state needs. Consider a closet clean-out—items can be picked up or delivered. Questions? Contact Mark (ogthouston@gmail.com) or Holly (ogtvolunteer@gmail.com).

Remember in your thoughts and prayers: Garland DeLoach; Mark Clemmons; Frank & Glenda Kucera; Susan Wallace; Kay Hutson; Imelda Carrillo; Maurice and Joyce Barclay; Iliana Vela's sister, Maribelle; Anne Berridge; Cathy Armstrong; Elois Murray's son, Steve; Leah Slaven; Lavinia Brown's sister, Edith Morehead, and brother-in-law, Ronnie.

Sunday, Oct 26	Officer Training—#9	9:00 am
	Sunday School/Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School/All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
Tuesday, Oct 28	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
Wednesday, Oct 29	Brown Bag & Bible—FH	12:00 pm
	Prayer Shawl—#10 & Zoom	1:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Oct 30	Men's Breakfast—Frank's	7:30 am
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	11:00 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
Friday, Oct 31	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
	St. George Fall Fest—FH	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Saturday, Nov 1	Private/St. George Orthodox—S/FH	8:00 am – 1:00 pm
	Private Event—FH	3:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Sunday, Nov 2	Daylight Saving Time Ends	
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship With Communion	10:30 am
	1 st Sunday Lunch—FH	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm

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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."

Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair

Iliana Vela, Liturgist

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