

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary: Andante Largo

John Stanley
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John Head

Introit #695

Change My Heart, O God

Eddie Espinosa

†Call to Worship

Dan Slaven

One: Lord, help us find the good.

All: Lord, drive wickedness away with the wind.

One: Let goodness yield its fruit in every season.

All: Let us meditate upon God's good promises, from morning into night.

†Hymn #386

Come, Worship God

O QUANTA QUALIA

*Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation
to whom our jubilant praises belong.*

*Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.*

*We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
great is the one whom we worship this day!
Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!*

Prayer of Confession

O God, you give us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet too often we choose to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough. Sin is real, and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give you glory. (Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

†Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 1:16-20

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

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. I will forgive their sins and heal their land.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray.

I will heal their land.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 6:9-12

"Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Sermon

"Is Forgiveness Conditional?"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

†Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

†Hymn #754

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.*

*Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.*

*Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;*

*To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

Commissioning of Church School Teachers

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering
Offertory

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN
arr. James Curnow

†Doxology

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #753

Make me a Channel of Your Peace
Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

†Charge and Benediction

†Response #748

Go With Us, Lord

Thomas Tallis


Postlude

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION
arr. Stephen Bulla

†Please stand in body or spirit.



 FLOWERS are given by Richard & Karen Fifield in appreciation of the Choir and Choir Director, Organist, Bell Director, Trumpet Player, and all who share their musical gifts in this church.

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.
- **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.

Kickoff Sunday Potluck Lunch is TODAY — Join us after worship for good food and good fellowship!

85th Anniversary shirts are being distributed during the potluck lunch today. If you purchased one (or more!), please stop by the 85th Anniversary table in the Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women circles will meet this Tuesday, September 9, in the Fellowship Hall to study Lesson One, Mary Magdalene, the Tower, in *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rhashell D. Hunter. The Day Circle meets at 10:00 a.m. and the Night Circle meets at 6:30 p.m., in person and on Zoom. Light refreshments will be served. For more information and the Zoom link, contact Melba Slaven or Bonnie Keith.

The next Young at Heart Bus Trip (for ages 55+) is Friday, September 12, to the 1898 One Room Schoolhouse and Museum in League City. The museum preserves, displays, and interprets League City's history and artifacts with social, religious, political, geographical, cultural, and historical significance to the community. Cost (\$10.00), plus your lunch at Red River Barbeque, League City. Bus will load at 8:30 am, depart at 8:45 am. Please sign up with Ruth (713-515-9248).

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to follow worship on **Sunday, September 14**, for the purpose of electing elders and deacons (Class of 2028), as well as at-large members of the Congregational Nominating Committee for 2026.

PCM (Pasadena Community Ministries) accepts only food, clothing, shoes, and monetary donations. Please donate household and other items to your favorite charity. Thank you for supporting our community!

Loss of loved one: Long - time member Michael Wallace entered The Church Triumphant on September 2, 2025. Please keep the Wallace family in your prayers.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers: Barry Webb; 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, Sept 7	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
	1 st Sunday Lunch—FH	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
Monday, Sept 8	Worship Ministry—Zoom	7:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept 9	PW Day Circle—FH	10:00 am
	Chair Yoga—Narthex	5:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—Narthex	6:15 pm
	PW Night Circle—FH	6:30 pm
Wednesday, Sept 10	Brown Bag & Bible	12:00 pm
	Prayer Shawl—#10 & Zoom	1:00 pm
	Stewardship—Library	2:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept 11	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
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
Friday, Sept 12	Private/St. George Orthodox —S/FH	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday, Sept 13	Private Event—FH	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Sunday, Sept 14	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Congregational Meeting	11:30 am
	Discipleship—Library	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 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

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Leading in Worship Today

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