

**FIFTEENTH 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.

**Minute for Mission***Wreaths Across America*

Melba Slaven

**Passing the Peace of Christ****Prelude***"Be Thou My Vision" / "Lord of the Dance"*arr. Laura Phipps  
The Dulciterians**Introit***O Be Joyful in the Lord (Psalm 100)*

Hal H. Hopson

**†Call to Worship (from Psalm 118:24 and Psalm 100:1-2)**

Cappy Phipps

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

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

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!**

**†Hymn #665***As Morning Dawns (Psalm 5)*

WAREHAM

*As morning dawns, Lord, hear our cry. O sovereign  
God, now hear our sigh. As first light brings the  
sun's warm rays, accept our sacrifice of praise.*

*Before you, Lord, the wicked fall, and none shall  
dwell within your hall. The proud shall never  
gain a place, nor evil live to see your face.*

*Your steadfast love shall welcome all who seek your  
house and on you call. O lead us, Lord, in  
righteousness, as through this day your name we bless.*

*Let all who seek you then rejoice, and sing to  
you with joyful voice. For you shall bless the  
righteous, Lord. Forever be your name adored.*

**†Hymn #10***Sing Glory to the Name of God (Psalm 29)*

LASST UNS ERFREUN

*Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The name of God is wild and free, awhirl in holy mystery.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### Responsive Psalm of Confession (Psalm 32)

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup> While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

<sup>10</sup> **Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

### Prayer of Confession

#### Hymn #421

*Have Mercy, God, upon My Life (Psalm 51)*

IRISH

*Have mercy, God, upon my life, and  
make me clean within: pour out your ever-  
faithful love and wash away my sin.*

*My guilt is heavy on my mind; I  
know what I have done: against your justice  
I have sinned, against you, God, alone.*

*Now teach me wisdom in my soul; I  
long to see your face. Let bones, once broken,  
sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.*

*Create in me a faithful heart, a  
spirit right and new. Sustain me with your  
saving love and keep me close to you.*

*Then I will praise you with my heart, my  
mind, my soul, my voice. You save the least and  
seek the lost; let all the world rejoice!*

### Assurance of Pardon

**†Hymn of Response #841**

**God Is My Strong Salvation (Psalm 27)**

WEDLOCK

*God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?  
In peril and temptation my light, my help, is near.  
Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand;  
what terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?*

*Place on the Lord reliance; my soul, with courage wait;  
God's truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate.  
God's might thy heart shall strengthen, God's love thy joy increase;  
mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace*

**Anthem**

**A Psalm of Peace (Psalm 85:8-11)**

Jane Marshall

*Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people,  
To His saints, to those who turn to Him in their heart.  
Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.  
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Psalter**

**Psalm 50, Hymn #13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks**

KINGSFOLD

*The Mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys;  
from dawn until the setting sun, God's wonder earth displays.  
The perfect beauty all around from Zion's height shines forth;  
and stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth.*

*God comes not with a silent form, but riding on the winds;  
before God's face, the raging storm its blast of thunder sends.  
All hail the Judge, in bold array, whose promise is to bless;  
who sees our sins, yet also feels our thirst for righteousness.*

*The heavens declare your justice, Lord, as endless as the sky;  
against the taunts of disbelief, our God will testify.  
Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks, as honor to your might;  
refresh my faith with each new day; protect me through the night.*

**Psalm 100, Hymn #385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.*

*Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our  
aid he did us make; we are his folk; he  
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.*

*O enter then his gates with praise; approach with  
joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his  
name always, for it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy  
is forever sure; his truth at all times  
firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive  
her king; let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature  
sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs  
employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding  
joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest  
the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations  
prove the glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Psalm 46, Hymn #275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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.

Psalm 145, Hymn #270 O Lord, You Are My God and King

O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will  
ever bless your name; I will extol you every day, and  
evermore your praise proclaim. You, Lord, are greatly  
to be praised; your greatness is beyond our thought; all  
generations shall tell forth the mighty wonders you have wrought.

How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of compassion,  
merciful, your anger always slow to rise; your

steadfast love you show to all, For you are good in  
all your ways; your creatures know your constant care. To  
all your works your love extends; all souls your tender mercies share.  
Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your  
mighty acts will show, till all the peoples of the earth your  
kingdom, power, glory know. Eternal is your  
kingdom, Lord, forever strong, forever sure; while  
generations rise and die, your high dominion will endure.

†Affirmation of Faith: Psalm 27:1-6

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

Jerusalem

Charles Perry, arr. H. Whitford

†Doxology #634 (Refrain)

To God Be the Glory (from Psalm 72)

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory; great things he has done!*

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)

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 #601

Amen

DANISH AMEN

**Postlude**

*Ein' Feste Burg*

arr. Wilbur Held

†Please stand in body or spirit


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 Flowers today are given to the **GLORY OF GOD** by Jason & Carrie Reed in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> 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: 1 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8, Mark Clemmons 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.

**Sunday School Kickoff & Potluck Lunch is next Sunday, September 8!** Sunday School classes for all ages resume at 9 am. Bring a dish and join us after the worship service for good food, good fun, and great fellowship!

**Presbyterian Women Wreaths Across America — Houston 2024.** Forms to sponsor a wreath can be found in this Sunday's bulletin or in the narthex. Each sponsored wreath will be placed on the grave markers at the Houston National Cemetery. **Each wreath costs \$17.00 (payable only by Cash or Check to WAA-Houston).** PW receives \$5.00 from the sale of each wreath. Take extra forms to share with family and friends! Order by November 10. Questions? Contact Melba Slaven @ 713-557-7195.

**Presbyterian Women** will be assembling Christmas boxes for seafarers soon. If you have any extra shoe boxes (not too small or not boot sized) to donate, please put them on the Presbyterian Women's table in the hallway by the library.

**The Brunch and Book Group** meets next on Saturday, **September 21**, 10-Noon in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss the book **Thursday Murder Club**, by Richard Osman. "This book follows the investigations by four elderly, and mostly amateur, sleuths as they put their skills together to solve crimes and to bring justice to the Cooper Chase Retirement Village and beyond."

The **Chain Stitchers** latest project, **Bibs, Burps, Blankets, & More** is near completion. Individual baskets will be filled with the sewn items as well as other necessary baby items. A list of these items can be found on the table under the Cross Wall. Purchase any (or all) of the items and bring them to the collection boxes located at the Cross Wall by **September 8**. Donations of any amount are accepted and will be used to purchase items on the list. Contact Donna Gilchrest with questions 281.830.3176. Thank you to all who have contributed so far!

**The next Young at Heart Bus Trip** (for ages 55+) is **Friday, September 20**, to City by the Sea Museum, Palacios, Tx and tour of the town and wharf. (Cost--\$5.00). Lunch at Hotel Blessing Restaurant (your cost-CASH ONLY). The Bus loads at 7:45 am and departs at 8:00 am and returns to church about 3:30 pm.

**Remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Health concerns:** Faye Chapman; Dolores Thacker; Kay Goates; 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; Leah Slaven; Diane Hall's loved ones in Lebanon; Carol Brown's daughter-in-law, Brandi; Ukraine and the Middle East.

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**The Church Office is CLOSED tomorrow, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, in observance of  
LABOR DAY!**

Sunday, Sept 1	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
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
Monday, Sept 2	<b>LABOR DAY—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
Tuesday, Sept 3	PW Board Meeting—FH	9:30 am
	Cut-Ups—Lunch @ Bubba's	11:30 am
	Cut-Ups—#9	1:00 pm
	Chair Yoga—Narthex	5:00 pm
	Caring Ministry—#10	6:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—Narthex	6:15 pm
	<b>PRIVATE/GS—FH</b>	<b>6:30-9:00 pm</b>
Wednesday, Sept 4	Brown Bag & Bible—FH	12:00 pm
	Prayer Shawl—#10 and Zoom	1:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept 5	Men's Breakfast—Frank's	7:30 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	1:00 pm
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15pm
Saturday Sept 7	<b>PRIVATE/SH—FH</b>	<b>12-9:00 pm</b>
Sunday, September 8	<b>Sunday School Kickoff &amp; Potluck Lunch</b>	
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Potluck Lunch—FH	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

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

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Donna Coe	Imelda Carrillo	Samantha Cayton
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Elois Murray	Liz Reed	Claudia Kreitz
James Taylor	Karen Schimnowski	Dolores Thacker

#### Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair  
Cappy Phipps, Liturgist  
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
Ron Ollis, Organist  
\*The Dulciterians, Dulcimer  
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual  
Yulissa Delgado, Nursery Attendant

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