

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

*Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are so glad that you are here!
Please take a minute to fill out the friendship pad in your pew and pass it along to others.
Our desire is to serve you and your family as you seek to grow in your faith.
Please speak to the pastor if you would like to become a member of this community of faith.*

WORSHIP TODAY

Flowers today are presented by Jim and Jo Ann Currie and are given to the glory of God and with gratitude for all leaders and learners as we begin a new year of growing in the faith.

Flowers...If you would like to donate flowers for the Sunday Worship Services, please sign your name on the flower chart calendar and complete the flower card, located by the bulletin boards in the hall. Please return the flower card to the church office or offering plate with your payment of **\$50.00**. Thanks for being part of this important ministry.

The Barnabas Cards are located in the pews. They are used like thinking-of-you cards. Fill out the person's name on the front and place it in the offering plate. A volunteer will address it and mail it for you.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Brenda McCaleb; Sue Miller; Jane Christopher; Jackie and Granville Sydnor; Norma Shepherd; Sybil Matthews; Donny Kreitz (Roy's brother); David Askine; Jackie Baggott; Margaret Plunkett (Jim Currie's sister); Joy Webb; Bill McPhail; Louis McCaleb; and Barry Webb

Loss of Loved One: Karen Reigle Family
Faye Chapman Family (death of niece, Patsy Snelgrove)

WORSHIP HELPS

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..." At First Presbyterian Church, we believe that children enrich worship within the full faith community. In them, Christ is present for us. We also believe that children learn best to worship by worshipping! Therefore, all adults and youth are encouraged to help our young children experience the rhythms and rituals of worship: finding and standing for hymns, being still when we pray, and learning responses. Following "Chancel Time with Children", children are invited to take a Children's Bulletin from Pastor Jim and a worship bag or notebook to draw them further into the remainder of worship. Younger children (under 5) may go to the nursery in Room 1, if desired.

Bibles and hearing enhancement devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Coffee is available before and after worship in the fellowship hall.

Attendance: 08/20/17 - 120

FPC Event Calendar			
Today	Worship	10:30	a m
	BBQ Luncheon - All Invited	12:00	p m
Monday, September 11	Committee Meetings	6:45	p m
	Tuesday, September 12	Pilates	10:45 a m
Wednesday, September 13	Prayer Shawl	2:00	p m
	Yoga	6:00 pm & 7:00	pm
	Baywood Crossing	10:00	a m
	Gathering Place Board Meeting	10:30	a m
Thursday, September 14	Intercessory Prayer	11:00	a m
	Brown Bag and Bible	12:00	p m
	Choir Practice	7:00	p m
	Men's Breakfast at Franks	7:00	a m
	Pilates	10:45	a m
	Yoga - Sitting/Standing/Free	6:00	p m
	Spanish Bible Study	6:30	p m
	Girls Scouts Leaders Meeting	7:00	p m
Saturday, September 16	Men's Bible Study	7:00	p m
	Yoga	7:00	p m
	Brunch and Book Group	10:00	a m
Sunday, September 17	Sunday School for all ages	9:00	a m
	Worship - Communion	10:30	a m
	Handbell Practice	12:00	p m

***“All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.”***

Glory to God Hymnal, #20

Rally Day Today! This morning, we began a brand new year of Sunday School for all ages. Children, youth and adults “rallied” in the sanctuary at 9 a.m. for a time of singing and prayer then moved to classrooms to begin a new season of growing in the faith. If you aren’t part of a class yet, we hope that you will find a place to call home each Sunday morning at 9:00. See the first bulletin board for options and class locations.

BBQ Luncheon TODAY ~ Jim Tinney will barbecue chicken and sausage for the Rally Day Event. Sides and desserts are provided by the Caring Committee. Love offering will be accepted.

Passing the Plate...So Much More than Money ~ Each Sunday morning, we “pass the plate” while the offertory is played. Since some of us give our financial pledges/gifts on a monthly basis or online via the church website, it’s tempting to wave the plate on when it’s handed our way. But the session would like to remind *everyone* that the plate is so much more than a place to deposit money. In addition to receiving our financial gifts and yellow prayer cards, the offering plate itself is a strong symbol of (and tool for) expressing our gratitude to God in a variety of ways. *Today, as the ushers come to each pew, let’s try something new. Whether or not we have a physical gift to offer this morning, let’s take the plate, hold it in our hands and spend a moment to privately offer the gifts of our mind, our heart, our hands, our voice, our attitudes, and/or our whole life to God, then pass the plate on down the row. This prayer practice just might transform the way we experience this important weekly ritual. May God bless all of our offerings as we grow in grace and gratitude here at First Presbyterian Church.*

Committees Meet Tomorrow Night ~ All adults and youth are encouraged to come be part of the prayerful planning of the life and mission of FPC. We’ll gather in the sanctuary at 6:45 for an opening devotional, then scatter to various rooms to plan the upcoming season. Your voice and ideas are needed since you are an important part of the Body of Christ. The committees meeting tomorrow night are: Discipleship, Worship, Missions & Outreach and Caring. Talk to Roy Kreitz or Stan Ganderson for information on when Stewardship will meet.

Young at Heart meets Thursday, **September 21st** at 10 am. Please bring your favorite dish and a friend.

Brown Bag Bible Study continues this Wednesday in the fellowship hall. The study, led by Jim Currie, meets weekly from noon to 1 p.m. Bring a lunch and be fed in body and spirit as the group walks through the Letter to the Galatians. All are welcome!

Newsletter Update - due to **Hurricane Harvey** the **September and October newsletter will be combined. The deadline to submit articles is Wednesday, September 13.**

The September/October Newsletter will be available September 17 online at www.fpcpasadena.org and in the narthex. Stay informed about our church family life by reading “At First” each month.

The 2nd Annual Fall Craft Bazaar will be held October 14, 2017 - Call Donna Gilchrest at 281-830-3176 for more information and/or application.

Pasadena CROP Hunger Walk - On Sunday, October 15, at 1:30 pm, we will gather at the Rotary Pavilion at Crenshaw Park/Lake, at Burke and Crenshaw. At 2 pm we will begin walking with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. So....mark your calendar now, and materials will soon be available for you to participate as a Walker or a Sponsor!

Nominating Committee News - In the pews for the next couple of weeks we will have forms for nominating Deacons and Elders for the class of **2020**. This is so the congregation will have an opportunity to suggest names the committee might not have considered.

We will be celebrating The Lord’s Supper September 17th during the Worship Services

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund ~ People need help in our broken world. Most are embarrassed about their need. Some of them we know. Others come to us as strangers. The Pastor’s Discretionary Fund allows the pastor to confidentially help those in need. Please consider marking your envelope “Pastor’s Discretionary Fund,” in order to be instruments of the Lord in a hurting world.