

## 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 given to the glory of God and in celebration of granddaughter, Dylan Ree Perry's, first birthday on March 9th by Mark and Janis Corder.

**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 - both are 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.

**Rev. Laureen Suba** Today we welcome, once again, to our pulpit the Rev. Laureen Suba. Ministry for her became a second vocation after she retired from her banking career with JPMorgan/Chase. Before receiving her M.Div. from Austin Seminary in May 2014, she earned an MBA from Thunderbird in Phoenix, AZ and a BA from Hood College in Frederick, MD. Laureen was ordained by the PCUSA in February 2015. She served for two years as the Executive Director of United Campus Ministries of Greater Houston serving students at the University of Houston. She was interim minister for Heights Presbyterian Church in 2016. Laureen serves as a trustee for the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. She is married to Lad who is a ruling elder at St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston. They have one son, Daniel, who lives and works in Austin. Laureen likes to say that sometimes it takes awhile to find our vocation and hear Christ's voice saying, "Follow me." She is grateful for this "launch" into ministry knowing that it is Christ at work in all and it is far more than we can imagine.

**The Barnabas Cards** are also 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; Doris Reed; Nancy Heeth; Jo Anne Reed; Jane Christopher; Robert Corkran; Marjorie Wells; Jackie & Granville Sydnor; Mel Hutchinson; Richard Baswell; Olga Pate; Kenny Gilchrest; Barbara Droll; Frank Ellis; and Garland DeLoach.

**Attendance: 3/5/17 108**

## 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 worshiping! 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.

### FPC Event Calendar

Today	Handbells	12:15 pm
Monday, March 13	Sanctuary Open for Prayer 10-4	10:00 am
Tuesday, March 14	Sanctuary Open for Prayer 10-4	10:00 am
	PW Day Circle	10:00 am
	Pilates	10:45 am
	Prayer Shawl	2:00 pm
Wednesday, March 15	Sanctuary Open for Prayer 10-4	10:00 am
	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer	11:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, March 16	Men's Breakfast at Franks	7:00 am
	Sanctuary Open for Prayer 10-4	10:00 am
	Young At Heart	10:00 am
	Pilates	10:45 am
	Spanish Bible Study	6:30 pm
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
Friday, March 17	Reformation Tour Returns	
Saturday, March 18	Caregiver Conference at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	8:15 am
	Presbytery Meeting at CLPC	8:30 am
Sunday, March 19	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship - Communion	10:30 am
	Handbells	12:15 pm

*“Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events get up and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify our living unto Christ...”*

From “Kneeling in Jerusalem” by Ann Weems

***No Youth Group After Church (YGAC) today or next week due to the FPC Reformation Tour & Spring Break. See you in two weeks, on March 26!***

***Reformation Tour Continues Through Friday.*** Our pilgrims are in Erfurt, Germany today. This is where Luther was struck down by lightning in 1505 which sparked his vow to become a monk. Tomorrow the group will head to Prague (in the Czech Republic) for a couple of days, then on to Augsburg (where Luther defended his 95 theses in 1518) and finally to Munich. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, please continue to pray for safe travel, prayerful attention, keen insights, and joy. The group will return this Friday, March 17.

***The March Newsletter is available online at [www.fpcpasadena.org](http://www.fpcpasadena.org) and in the narthex.*** Stay informed about our church family life by reading “At First” each month.

***Lenten Resources to Deepen the Meaning of the Season as we Journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter.***

***“Meeting Jesus”, a 2017 Lenten Devotional.*** This year’s booklet offers daily scripture readings, reflections (creatively written from the perspective of 47 Biblical characters!) and a simple prayer. This resource is perfect for individuals and families to read together during the 40 days (plus Sundays) until Easter.

***“We Celebrate Lent”*** a weekly calendar for children with tabs and suggested scripture and activities to prepare for the coming week. (1/family)

***“What is Lent?”*** A coloring and activities book. (1/child)

***Self-Guided, Interactive Lenten Prayer Stations in the Sanctuary.*** Come spend an hour or an afternoon in reflection and contemplation Monday-Thursday from 10-4. The hours will be extended during Holy Week. See newsletter for details.

***Young at Heart Bluebonnets Trip Monday, March 20th.*** Bus leaves at 8:30 am to travel to Washington on the Brazos. You don’t have to be a member to join us. You do have to let Jamie or Joan know now to make reservations. We’re looking forward to having a great time, like we always do!

***Hymnal Dedications. Want to Honor, Thank, or Remember a Loved One?*** Stop by the table under the cross wall in the narthex for details. If you have recently purchased a hymnal, find the hymnal you bought on the same table and then place it wherever you’d like in the sanctuary. Suggested love offering is \$15/hymnal. All money goes to support the mission and ministry here at FPC and beyond.

***Yoga Calendar.*** Yoga classes will NOT meet this week (March 14 or 16) during Spring Break, and will resume on **March 21** in the narthex.

***Growing in Faith Beyond Our Walls...See the Glass Table in the Narthex for Details.***

Our second ***Day of Silence and Solitude*** has been set for Tuesday, **March 28**, at Villa De Matel, a beautiful retreat center just minutes from Pasadena. A sign up with additional information is on the glass table in the narthex. The day is free, but please reserve your spot by Tuesday, March 21, so we can give an accurate head count for lunch. Thank you.

***Caregiver Conference*** this Saturday, **March 18**, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Nassau Bay. Free skill-building and information workshops for family members caring for a loved one. Includes a free lunch. Brochures are in the narthex.

***FPC Brunch & Book Group.*** Our Saturday, **March 25**, selection is *The Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfoure. Start reading today and join the group from 10-12 for a lively discussion.

***Shredding Day Just Around the Corner...Saturday, April 1.*** Keep saving your papers to bring to the church on April 1, from 9 to noon. All papers with private information will be shredded onsite as you watch. Invite your friends and neighbors to bring their old bank statements, medical forms, and/or tax records and more. It’s freeing to let go of the things that weigh us down as we open up space for simplicity and life!

**We will be celebrating The Lord’s Supper  
March 19th during the Worship Services.**