

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 14, 2019

10:30 am

**Rev. John Purcell**

*I am a native born, bred, and educated Texan, having lived about half of my life on the Gulf Coast, most of which was Houston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, or New Orleans. The other half of my life has been lived in North Texas with brief stints in California (US Coast Guard) and Arkansas. As a child I have worshipped in First Presbyterian Church in Conroe from time to time.*

*I have served called pastorates most of my career plus eight interims: four Presbyterian and four Lutheran.*

*I am a graduate of Austin College and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Nita Purcell is the other half of my life, having met at Austin College. Nita is a retired Registered Dietitian and Diabetes Educator. We have two children. Our son, Paul, and daughter-in-law, Joan, live in the Woodlands and have three boys. One is at Lone Star College, another at Texas State, and the third plays football at the Air Force Academy. Our daughter, Melanie, lives in Pottsboro (on Lake Texoma), and has two sons. One plays football for the Los Angeles Rams. Her number two is a junior in high school.*

*I enjoy reading mysteries, history, political science and sociology. I also have a deep love and commitment to the Church. We have lived in The Woodlands for 2 1/2 years.*

**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.”***

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Lord Jesus Christ,  
you are the way of peace.  
Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land  
with your healing love.  
Help us to be willing to bow before you  
in true repentance,  
and to bow to one another  
in real forgiveness.  
By the fire of your Holy Spirit,  
melt our hard hearts  
and consume the pride and prejudice  
which separate us.  
Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love  
which casts out fear and bind us together  
in that unity which you share  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

A prayer used in the Irish Republic  
and in Northern Ireland



**Leading in Worship Today**

- Rev. John Purcell, Preaching
- Chère Wharry, Liturgist
- Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
- Ron Ollis, Organist
- Barry Webb, Audio Visual

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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Gathering Around the Word of God**

**Welcome and Life of the Church**

**Prelude:** *Fugue in E Flat Major (BWV 552)*

J.S. Bach

**†Call to Worship:**

Leader: We serve the Creator, who loves us into life.

**All: We follow Christ, who loves us unto death.**

Leader: We listen for the Spirit, who loves us into transformation

**All: We worship God, whose love knows no bounds.**

**†Hymn of Praise:** #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Call to Confession**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

Holy God, we have heard your command to love you, to love our neighbor, and to love ourselves, yet we fall into patterns of shallow devotion, false kindness, and self-doubt. We have heard your call to do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with you, yet we're drawn to safety, not justice; apathy, not kindness; pacing, not walking. Hear our prayers, O God. Forgive us for what we have done and for what we have left undone. Hear our prayers, O God, and move us to deeper trust and more faithful action.

**Silent Confession**

**Liturgist:** Amen

**Response:** #437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**†Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri):** #581

**†Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Chancel Time with Children**

Chère Wharry

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

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**Anthem:** *Oh, Didn't It Rain*

African-American Spiritual arr. Harry Burleigh

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

**Prayer for Illumination:** #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**First Lesson:** Colossians 1: 1-14 (p. 833)

**Sermon Lessons:** Luke 10:25-37 (p. 735)

**Sermon:** "The Paralysis of Analysis"

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**Responding to the Word of God**

**†Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed (p. 34)

**†Hymn of Affirmation:** #661 *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music:** *Fuga No.3 in D Minor*

Felix Mendelssohn

**†Doxology:** #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**†Prayer of Dedication**

**Taking the Word of God into the World**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)**

**†Hymn of Inspiration:** #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**†Benediction**

**†Response:** #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See (verse 3)*

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.

Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

**†Postlude:** *Presto from Concerto in G Major*

Ernst / J.S. Bach



**†Please stand as you are able.**

*Please exit quietly after worship for those enjoying the organ postlude and  
continue fellowship in the narthex and fellowship hall.*