

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Welcome and Announcements****Prelude** *Chorale and Allegro from Suite Gothique*

Leon Boellmann

**Call to Worship****Prayer of Praise****Anthem** *Thine Is The Glory*Nolan, 4<sup>th</sup> grader, violinist**Prayer of Confession****Silent Confession****Assurance of Pardon****Prayer for Illumination****Old Testament Reading** Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. <sup>3</sup> You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." <sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup> You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; <sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! <sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. <sup>15</sup> Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. <sup>16</sup> Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. <sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

**New Testament Reading** Matthew 22:34-40

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

**Sermon** "Family"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

**Pastoral Prayer****Benediction****Postlude** *Toccata from Suite Gothique*

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## Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

**Health concerns:** Louis McCaleb; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jane Christopher; Imelda Carrillo and daughter Selena; Baywood Crossing residents and staff; Ronny Carter (Betty Pendleton's cousin); Tim Tovey (Joan Gibertini's son); Ron Grimes (Thelma Jean Paradysz's son-in-law); Mary Knapik; Steve Dunn (Elois Murray's son); Linda Dupler; Laura Weigler; Barry Webb's brother, Ron; Larry Parks; Margaret Bardin; Faye Chapman; Bryn (5 yr old friend from Betsy Marlow); Jean Kochera (Kimberly Waggett's mom); Blake Kitterman (Amanda Baker's brother).

## Upcoming Events @ FPC - *more details at [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org)*

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***In-Sanctuary Worship Sunday, October 25, 10:30 am.*** See Reopening Protocols below.

***This Sunday, Mission & Outreach will have a table set up outside.*** Please stop by on your way in to sign or pick up cards for Pasadena Interfaith Manor residents. And as you leave worship, stop by to pick up a box to fill for Seafarers.

***FPC Officer Training this week:*** Incoming Elders meet via Zoom on Tuesday, October 26 at 5 pm. Incoming Deacons meet via Zoom on Wednesday, October 27, 5 pm.

***All Saints' Sunday*** - November 1 is All Saints' Sunday. During the virtual worship, we will mark this occasion of remembrance by calling the name of a loved one who has died since November 1, 2019. If anyone would like to submit a name for this service please email Barbara at [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org) or call the office at 281-991-8700.

***Brown Bag and Bible Wednesdays at 12:00 pm.*** Make your lunch, grab your Bible, and click the link for this Zoom meeting. If you are not on Fairfax's email list and want to be a part of the Bible study, please email Fairfax at [revfair@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:revfair@fpcpasadena.org) to add your name. If needed, contact the church office for Zoom link at [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org).

***Prayer Shawl Group meet every Tuesday via Zoom at 1:30 pm.*** To join this group contact Johnnie Haltom or Barbara Davis.

***Day of Service is November 14, 10-Noon.*** Between now and Nov. 14: prepare CWS/PDA hygiene kits; Seafarer's boxes; grocery items for PCM; write letters or cards to residents of Pasadena Interfaith Manor. Note: Interfaith Manor cards will be available to sign on the way into worship on October 25. Detail instructions for all items can be found in the October Newsletter, pages 10-11. On Nov. 14. drop items off at the front drive-thru between 10-noon.

***FPC Ministries and Groups Zoom Videoconference Meetings.*** To schedule a Zoom videoconference meeting with your ministry or group, contact Barbara at [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org).

***Emergency Contact for each member needed for our church records.*** We are updating our records and want to have an emergency contact for everyone. Please contact the church at 281-991-8700 (*leave a message*) or email at [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org) with your designated Emergency Contact. All information will be kept confidential. Thanks!

## **First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena Phase One Reopening Protocols**

For at least the next year, we anticipate our lives will be shaped by the timeline set by COVID-19. We face difficult choices between conflicting needs, wants, and imperatives. We anticipate that we will be continuously evaluating what worship and all other church functions look like.

Despite our best efforts to provide a safe worship experience, conditions may again require the closing of the building. The pastor, in consultation with church leaders, will use CDC, Harris County, and PCUSA guidelines and good judgment to determine how to promote safety in reopening FPCP while actively monitoring local transmission rates of COVID-19. To preserve the health of our members, if circumstances change and worshipping together is not wise, services will again be virtual only.

We recognize that some of our members have underlying health issues or risk factors. Their health and safety must be at the forefront of our considerations. Persons with a high morbidity risk from COVID-19 are urged to stay home and continue to worship virtually. We will nonetheless strive to promote safe, in-person worship experiences for all that do not discriminate against persons with disabilities or high-risk conditions.

### **Church Physical Set Up:**

- Doors will be left open so no one has to touch a door handle. This includes the designated entry door [the front door under the porte-cochere] and the doors into the sanctuary.
- No-Touch Hand Sanitizer dispensers will be installed in the Narthex.
- Offering plates will be placed by the baptismal font.
- Pews will be marked so people space themselves safely and avoid contact.
- Hymnals, Bibles, friendship folders, offering envelopes, Kleenex, etc. will be removed from pews.
- Signs will be posted that only one person at a time is to be in the restroom and additional signs will be posted to wipe handles touched with sanitizing wipes.
- The Church kitchen will remain closed.
- Signs encouraging hand washing and mandating face mask use (covering nose and mouth) will be posted in the Narthex.
- Signs encouraging social distancing will be posted in the narthex as well as the sanctuary.
- Sanitizing wipes will be available as needed.
- Gloves will be available in the Narthex and at the back of the church.
- One microphone per speaker will be set up.
- Camera will be set up to provide option of live streaming the service

### **Worship Procedures**

- Everyone in the building and on the church grounds must wear a cloth or medical mask. Members are strongly encouraged to bring their own. We may have some available, while supplies last. Individuals uncomfortable wearing a face mask or with a medical condition that makes wearing a mask problematic may continue to participate in our on-line services.
- Social distancing of a minimum of six feet must be observed at all times, with the exception of members who live in the same household.
- Non-contact infrared thermometers will be used to take temperatures upon entry. Anyone with a temperature of 100.2 and higher will not be allowed into the building.
- Names of worshipers will be recorded as they enter to keep track of who has been part of the worship experience in the event that they need to be contacted.
- Greeters will be asked to stand back a minimum of six feet and welcome folks verbally.
- Bulletins and announcements will continue to be available online for the live streamed service.
- Bulletins will not be distributed to participate in the service in the sanctuary. Information will be projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.
- We will present shortened services to minimize risk.

*Worship Procedures continued...*

- Live streaming on YouTube or recorded services will continue for those who are not comfortable returning to 'in-person' worship
- Soloist may sing from behind a three-sided plexiglass shield.
- There will be no congregational or choral singing. It has been determined that singing is among the riskier behaviors for spreading droplets/aerosols which can carry the virus a significant distance and remain suspended in the air.
- Worshipers will leave by row, as directed.

**Other Changes to Normal Practices**

- Online (ZOOM) continues for Brown Bag, Session and ministry meetings, PW, Book Group, Wonderful Wednesday, etc.
- Office open by appointment. As on Sundays, masks required for staff and visitors.
- Forego November celebration of communion.
- Use of building by outside groups remains suspended.
- Congregants who are sick or who have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 are to stay home.
- Local health officials will be contacted if a person diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the church and this information also will be communicated with members so they are aware of potential exposure. The Clerk of Session, with the assistance of the church office, will be responsible to make the communications.

**DISCONTINUE:**

- Children's Sermon
- Passing the Peace, hugs, handshakes, elbow bumps, etc.
- Physical use of Bibles and Hymnals
- Nursery
- Coffee
- Use of water fountains