

## PREPARATION

**PRELUDE** "I've Got Peace Like a River"  
Galveston Ukulele Society

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## ADORATION

**INTROIT** "Shall We Gather at the River"

**CALL TO WORSHIP** David Hawkins, Liturgist  
We come carrying burdens, questions, and concerns.

**Yet God welcomes us with grace and compassion.**

We come knowing that life sometimes gives us more than we can handle.

**Yet God is our strength when our own strength fails.**

Let us place our trust not in ourselves, but in the One who is faithful.

**Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #210**

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

## CONFESSION

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not always know our limits. We tell ourselves we can manage on our own, carry every burden, and solve every problem. When life becomes too heavy, we hide our weariness instead of turning to you. Forgive us for trusting our own strength more than your faithfulness. Remind us that you never ask us to face life's struggles alone. As you've sustained your children through the ages, sustain us today with your grace, your presence, and your daily bread. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"This Little Light of Mine" (vs. 1)

## OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY**

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

"This Train" and "When the Saints Go Marching In"  
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**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

## THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 2:1-12 Pg. 911

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** Children ages 6 through 5th grade

**\*HYMN #341**

"Blessed Assurance"

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** 1 Corinthians 10:6-14 Pg. 1044

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

## SERMON

Bumper Sticker Theology: God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle?

Notes

## DEDICATION

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ANTHEM

Medley: "Old Time Religion," "Rock-a My Soul,"  
"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"  
Galveston Ukulele Society

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### \*HYMN #369

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CLOSING RESPONSE

"I'll Fly Away"  
(v. 1)

### \*POSTLUDE

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

\*Please stand if you are able

Rev. Becky Downs, Pastor  
Corbin Sturch, Director of Music & Organist  
Jackson Okland, Assistant Director of Music  
Doyle Neuwiller, Bells Director  
Lori Wiseman, Ensemble Coordinator  
Connor Wiseman, Head of Audio and Video Services  
Luci Burns, Office Manager  
Joseph Bell, Custodian and Sunday Sexton  
Patricia Anglin, Childcare Provider  
Pat Bumpus, Clerk of Session  
David Campbell, Treasurer



### FPC Mission Statement

God calls First Presbyterian Church to reflect Christ as we strive to:  
Enrich our personal and congregational spiritual growth, joyfully embrace visitors and each other in the fellowship of a spiritual family, increase knowledge about our faith, reach out to serve and include our diverse community, and respond to God's call to serve those in need.

**July 12, 2026 – July 19, 2026**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Galveston Ukelele Society playing Communications Meeting</b> , following worship in the fellowship hall
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Salvation Army Monday Serving Team</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> , 7:30 AM, America's Kitchen <b>Meals on Wheels</b> , Noon <b>Chancel Ensemble</b> , 6:30 PM, sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Finance Meeting</b> , 4:00 PM, library
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 Ida Austin Class</b> , online <b>9:15 Quest Bible Study</b> , parlor <b>9:30 Sunday School Class</b> , chapel <b>11:00 Worship</b>

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Galveston, Texas

Sunday, July 12, 2026

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

FPC VISION

Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ