

SERMON

DEDICATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Philippians 2:5-11
Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God, did not regard
equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness. And being found in
human form he humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him
the name that is above every name, so that at the
name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and
on earth and under the earth, and every tongue
should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is
Lord! Amen.

ANTHEM “REVELATION SONG”

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** “UNCLOUDY DAY”
 (words on wall)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE**
 “WE SHALL OVERCOME”
 (words on wall)

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand if you are able

Rev. Becky Downs, Pastor
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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.

August 17, 2025 - August 24,2025

Today	BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
Monday	First Day of East End Preschool Salvation Army Monday Serving Team
Tuesday	The Bell Choir Practice , 5:30 PM, Room 209
Wednesday	Men’s Breakfast , 7:30 AM. America’s Kitchen Meals on Wheels Drivers
Next Sunday	9:00 Ida Austin Class , online 9:15 Quest Bible Study , parlor

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Make All Things New, by James JanKnegt, 2005, Elgin, TX

First Presbyterian Church
Galveston, Texas
Sunday, August 17, 2025
10th Sunday after Pentecost

FPC VISION
Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ADORATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Niebuhr, Liturgist

Grace and peace to you from the One who is, who always was, and who is still to come—
the Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end.
This is our God— the One who loves us, and who gave himself for us;
who gathers us together in this place, and bids us seek his face.
Let’s worship God together!

*OPENING HYMN #446

“GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN”

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All

O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people’s worries, against the winds of change.
God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.
Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts.
Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through.
Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON


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

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen

OFFERTORY

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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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS

After each petition ending "O Lord of Life and Love," please respond "**Hear our prayer.**"

BLESSINGS

THE WORD

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 2:1-7 pg. 1117-1118

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“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

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“I know your works, your toil and your endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them to be false. ³ I also know that you are enduring and bearing up for the sake of my name and that you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember, then, from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

Children ages 6 through 5th grade

HYMN #153 “HE IS KING OF KINGS”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 21: 1-6, 22:1-5 pg. 1132-1133

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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

5

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION