

DEDICATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ANTHEM

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 #324

"OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE"

*CLOSING RESPONSE HYMN #563

"LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"
(vs 1)

*POSTLUDE

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.

April 19, 2026 - April 26, 2026

Sunday	
Monday	Salvation Army Monday Serving Team
Tuesday	The Bell Choir Practice, 5:30 PM, Room 214-216
Wednesday	Men's Breakfast, 7:30 AM, America's Kitchen Meals on Wheels Drivers Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, choir room
Thursday	Girls Night Out, 5:30 PM, Social Tap Chancel Ensemble Practice, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary Session, 7:00 PM, library
Next Sunday	9:00 Ida Austin Class, online 9:15 Quest Bible Study, parlor 9:30 Sunday School Class, chapel 11:00 Worship 12:00 Worship Ministry Meeting, library

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Conversion of Paul, Book of Hours Belgium, Bruges, ca. 1460

First Presbyterian Church

Galveston, Texas

Sunday, April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

FPC VISION

Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

*Please stand if you are able

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PASSING OF THE PEACE Heather Sommer, Liturgist

ADORATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God calls us from our daily tasks.

We come before God with joy.

Let us honor this sacred time together.

We are listening, O God. Speak to us.

Let us answer God's call to be community.

We are ready, O God. Nourish us for the work of the Spirit.

*OPENING HYMN #210

"OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, in the light of your glory, we see the evil that we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH"

(words on wall)

OFFERINGS

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

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9:1-9 Pg. 1000

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL Children ages 6 through 5th grade

*HYMN #440

"IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST"

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9:10-19

pg. 1000-1001

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON