

# THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### 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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

"IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE"

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**\*HYMN#92** "BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CLOSING RESPONSE

"THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU"

(WORDS ON SCREEN)

### \*POSTLUDE

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#### FPC Mission Statement

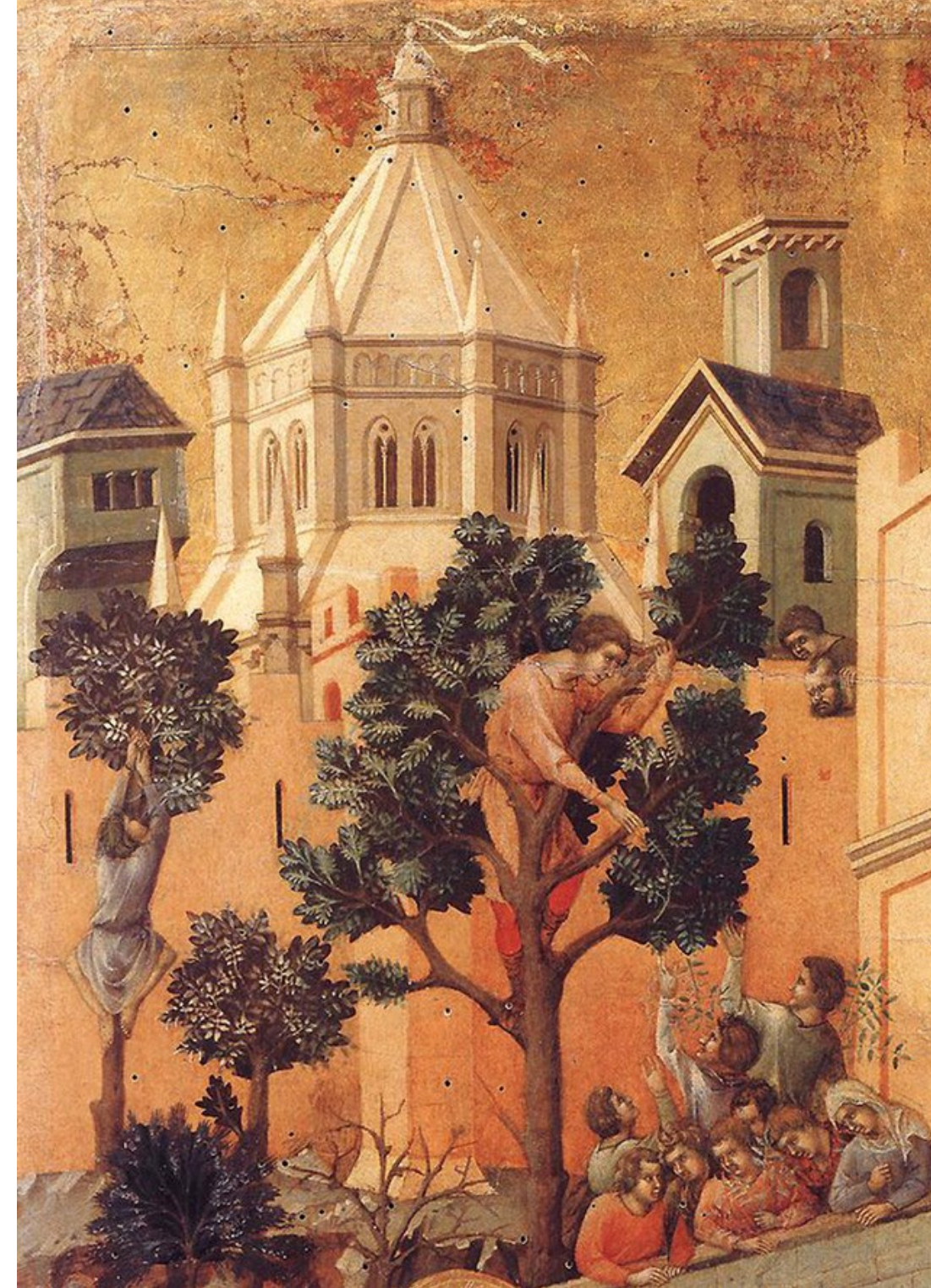
God calls First Presbyterian Church to reflect Christ as we strive to:

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 6, 2025 - April 13, 2025

Today	<b>Meet with Janice Smith, <i>Living Waters for the World</i></b> after worship in the fellowship hall as well as enjoy a light lunch
Monday	<b>EEP Book Fair</b> April, 7-11 in the fellowship hall <b>Salvation Army Monday Serving Team</b>
Wednesday	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> , 7:30 AM. America's Kitchen <b>EEP Donuts with Dear Ones</b> , 9:00 AM, in the fellowship hall <b>Meals on Wheels Drivers</b> <b>Lenten Soup Supper</b> , 5:30 PM. In the fellowship hall.
Next Sunday	<b>9:00 Ida Austin Class</b> , online <b>9:15 Quest Class</b> , parlor <b>6:30 Evensong</b> , chapel

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"Zacchaeus in Jerusalem," 1308-1311 Duccio, di Buoninsegna.

## First Presbyterian Church

Galveston, Texas

Sunday, April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

#### FPC VISION

Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

## PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Janice Smith  
*Living Waters for the World*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ADORATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Klein, Liturgist

We come to worship because we are in between:

**hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing,  
curiosity and conviction.**

So we come to worship and God meets us here.

**Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for  
meeting us in the middle!**

\*OPENING HYMN #481

“PRAISE THE LORD, GOD’S GLORIES SHOW”

## CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All

**Merciful God,  
When we fail to be righteous, show us mercy. When we  
fail to be merciful, show us what is right. Again and again,  
bring us closer to you. Again and again, show us the way.  
Amen.**

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy.  
My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you:  
You are holy, Lord!**

## OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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for your continued support.



\*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

## PROCLAMATION

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 18:35-43

pg. 956

<sup>35</sup> As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup> They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” <sup>38</sup> Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup> Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup> Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him, and when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.” <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” <sup>43</sup> Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God, and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

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

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

Children ages 6 through 5th grade

\*HYMN #298

“THERE’S A WIDENESS IN GOD’S MERCY”

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 19:1-10

pg. 956-957

<sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

\*Please stand if you are able