

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ADORATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Klein, Liturgist
God hears the cries of the forgotten and lifts up the humble.
We come to worship the God of justice and mercy.
Jesus teaches that true greatness is found in serving others.
We come to follow the One who came not to be served, but to serve.
The Spirit welcomes us with mercy and grace.
Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #469**
“Morning Has Broken”

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, Too often we believe that success belongs to those who are strongest, smartest, or most determined. We look for ways to advance ourselves, while overlooking the needs of our neighbors. We seek recognition more readily than service, and control more readily than compassion. Forgive us when we rely on our own efforts and forget our dependence on your grace. Turn our hearts toward the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Teach us to use our gifts not for our own glory, but for the good of others and the building of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. 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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***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 Psalm 10:12-18 Pg. 483-484
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL Children ages 6 through 5th grade

***HYMN #394**
“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:35-45 Pg. 922

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON
Bumper Sticker Theology: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?

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.

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 #538
“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE
“I’ll Fly Away”
(v. 1)

*POSTLUDE

*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
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Patricia Anglin, Childcare Provider
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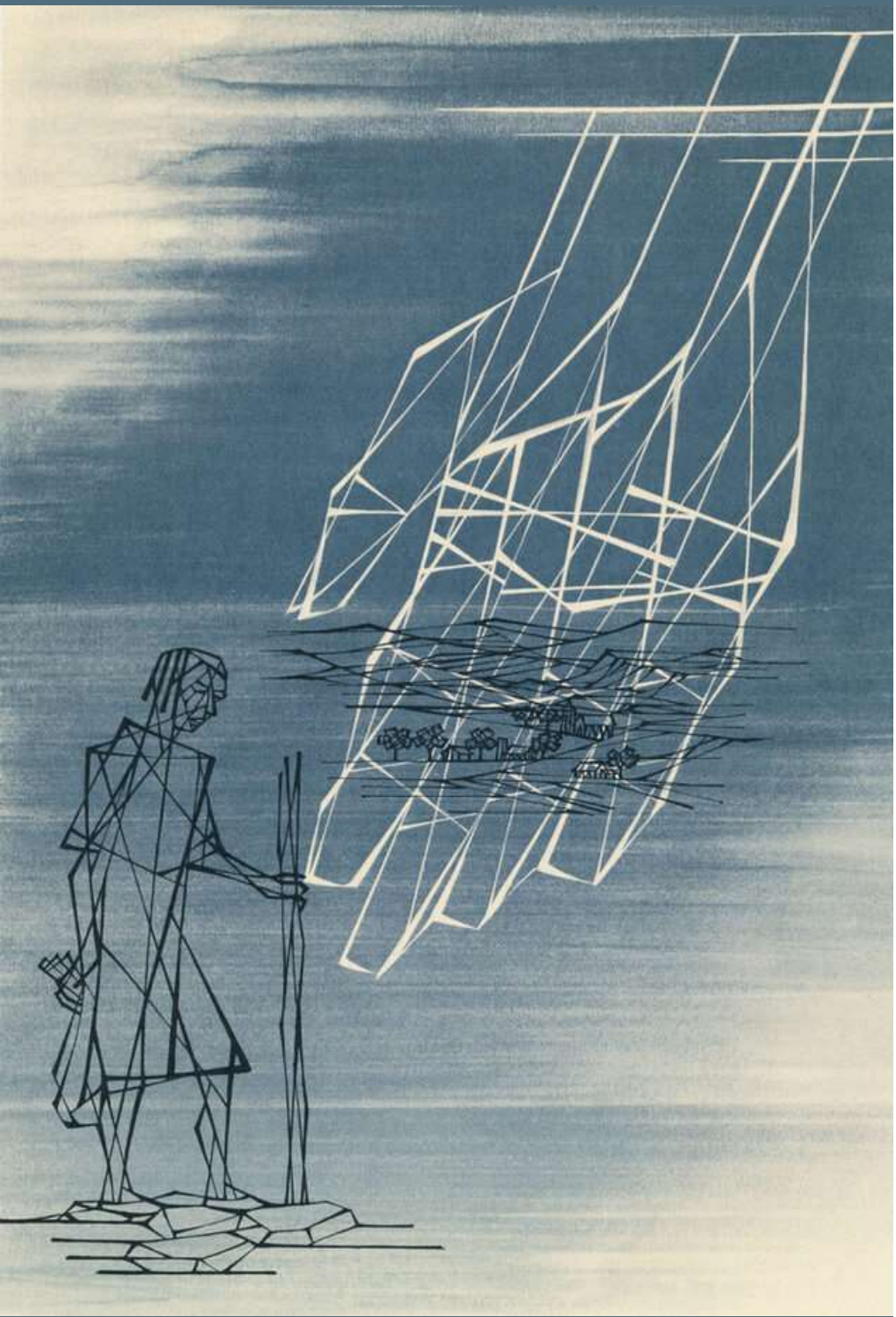


FPC Mission Statement
God calls First Presbyterian Church to reflect Christ as we strive to:
Enrich our personal and congregational spiritual growth, joyfully embrace visitors and each other in the fellowship of a spiritual family, increase knowledge about our faith, reach out to serve and include our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

July 19, 2026 – July 26, 2026

SUNDAY	
MONDAY	Care Ministry Team Luncheon, 11:30 AM, fellowship hall Salvation Army Monday Serving Team
WEDNESDAY	Men’s Breakfast, 7:30 AM, America’s Kitchen Meals on Wheels, Noon Chancel Ensemble, 6:30 PM, sanctuary
THURSDAY	Session, 7:00 PM, library
SATURDAY	
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 Ida Austin Class, online 9:15 Quest Bible Study, parlor 9:30 Sunday School Class, chapel 11:00 Worship

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Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth, by Ismar David, 1967.

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Galveston, Texas

Sunday, July 19, 2026
8th Sunday after Pentecost

FPC VISION
Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ