

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Janene Davison, Liturgist

ADORATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are weary, anxious, joyful, hopeful, or uncertain.
God welcomes us just as we are.
We gather, not because life is free from trouble, but because God is faithful in every season.
Let us worship the One whose love is our peace.

*OPENING HYMN #267

“ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL”

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we cling to the illusion that everything depends on us, forgetting that this world rests in your hands. Our anxiety makes us impatient with those we love, suspicious of our neighbors, and blind to the gifts you place before us each day. We have filled our minds with worst-case scenarios instead of whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, and worthy of praise.
Forgive us, O God. Free us from the burdens we were never meant to carry alone. Teach us again to trust your provision, to notice your grace in ordinary moments, and to walk one day at a time in the peace of Christ. 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

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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS

BLESSINGS

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:25-34

Pg. 822

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

Children ages 6 through 5th grade

*HYMN #404

“PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-9

pg. 1071

SERMON

Bumper Sticker Theology: Too Blessed to be Stressed?

DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

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 #562

“ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE #587

“AMEN, AMEN”

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

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Jackson Okland, Assistant Director of Music
Doyle Neuwiller, Bells Director
Lori Wiseman, Ensemble Coordinator
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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.

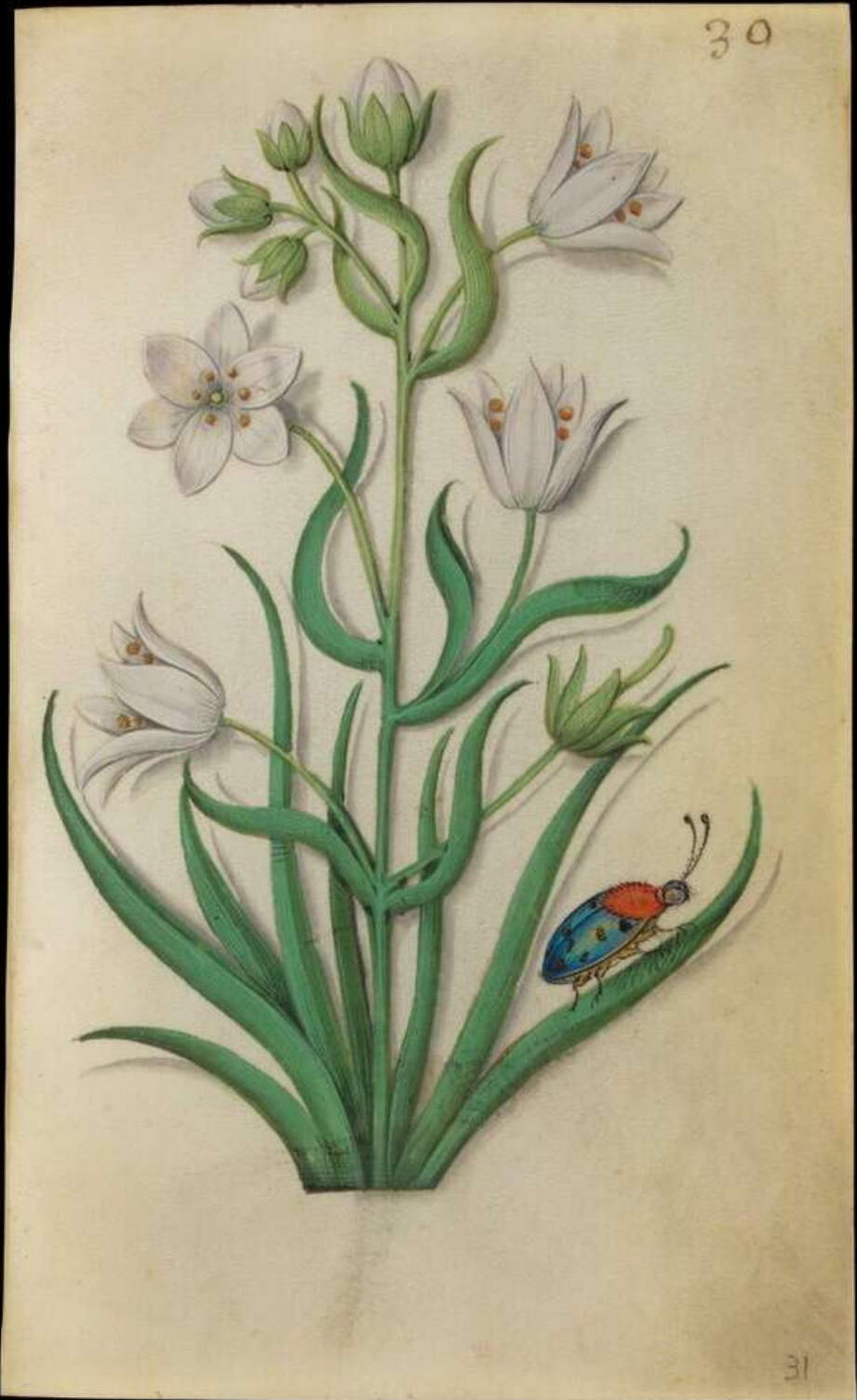
FPC VISION

Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

August 16, 2026 – August 23, 2026

SUNDAY	BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Worship Ministry Meeting , following the service
MONDAY	Salvation Army Monday Serving Team
WEDNESDAY	Men's Breakfast , 7:30 AM, America's Kitchen Meals on Wheels , Noon
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 Ida Austin Class , online 9:15 Quest Bible Study , parlor 9:30 Sunday School Class , chapel

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St. Bernard's Lily (Anthericum liliago) from The Book of Flower Studies, by Master of Claude de France, 1510–1515

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Galveston, Texas
Sunday, August 16, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost