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.

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 #415

"COME, LABOR ON"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE

"GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING" vs. 1 only (words on wall)

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

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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.

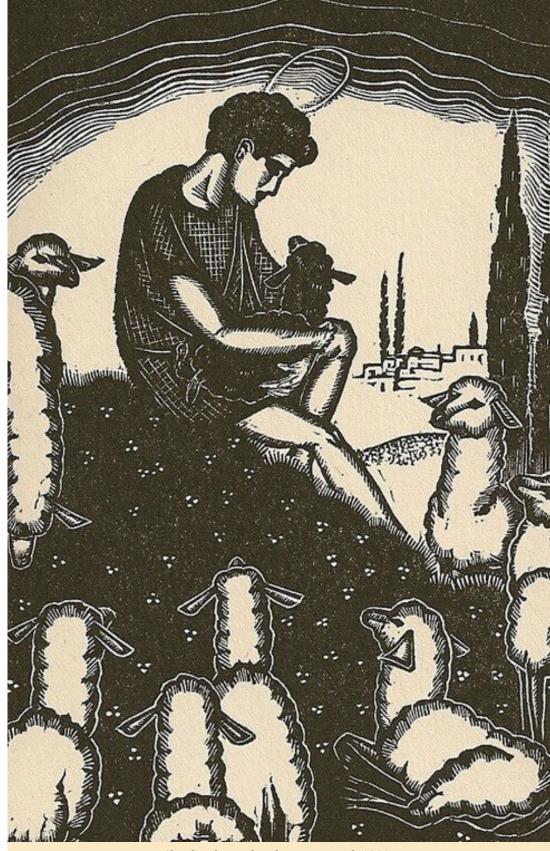
FPC VISION

Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

October 19, 2025 - October 26, 2025

Today	After church fellowship in the fellowship hall.
Monday	Salvation Army Monday Serving Team
Tuesday	The Bell Choir Practice, 5:30 PM, Room 209 Book Club, 6:30 PM, fellowship hall
Wednesday	Men's Breakfast, 7:30 AM. America's Kitchen Meals on Wheels Drivers Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM.
Thursday	Session, 7:00 PM in the library
Next Sunday	9:00 Ida Austin Class, online 9:15 Quest Bible Study, parlor COMMITMENT SUNDAY

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Shepherd Woodcut by James Reid, 1930

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Galveston, Texas
Sunday, October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

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Lana and Paul Rhoads

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ADORATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lynn Smith, Liturgist God does not see as mortals see. We look upon the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

Jesus, light of the world, give us eyes to see as you see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

Jesus, light of the world, give us eyes to see as you see!

*OPENING HYMN #457

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.

Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*"SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME"

OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ensemble

"Refiner's Fire"

*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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 51:10-14

Pgs. 509-510

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL Children ages 6 through 5th grade

HYMN #275

"God of Our Life"

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13 pg. 287

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." 4 Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." 11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON Faithful Foundations: Aligning