

DEDICATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Declaration of Faith
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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 #267**
“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***CLOSING RESPONSE Hymn #369**
“I’M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME”
(vs 1)

***POSTLUDE**
*Please stand if you are able

Rev. Becky Downs, Pastor
Corbin Sturch, Director of Music & Organist
Jackson Okland, Assistant Director of Music
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Lori Wiseman, Ensemble Coordinator
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David Campbell, Treasurer



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.

February 8, 2026 - February 15, 2026

Sunday	Annual Congregational Meeting following worship service Touchdown and Taters following Congregational Meeting
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 Trustees Meeting , 1:30 PM, Library Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 6:30 PM. Choir Room
Thursday	Chancel Ensemble Practice , 6:30 PM, Sanctuary Girls Night Out , 5:30 PM, Hendley Wine Co.
Next Sunday	9:00 Ida Austin Class , online 9:15 Quest Bible Study , parlor JAZZ WORSHIP ARM MEETING , following service, in the library

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Pool of Bethesda, by Dinah Roe Kendall, 2000, UK.

First Presbyterian Church
Galveston, Texas
Sunday, February 8, 2026
5th Sunday after Epiphany

FPC VISION
Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE Janene Davison, Liturgist

ADORATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set our feet on firm ground.
Our steps are secure.
God has put a new song in our mouths.
We will sing our praises to God.

*OPENING HYMN #461

“GOD IS HERE”

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love.
We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words
we hear every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the
conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we
find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist
change, lest it require more of us. We know you are
reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. Let us feel
your love deep within, that we may reflect that love to
all we meet.

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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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

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON John 4:46-54 Pg. 970

⁴⁶ Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” ⁴⁹ The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my little boy dies.” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, “Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him.” ⁵³ The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he himself believed, along with his whole household. ⁵⁴ Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL Children ages 6 through 5th grade

*HYMN #404

“PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 5:1-18 Pgs. 970-971

5 After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷ The ill man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” ¹¹ But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’” ¹² They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk’?” ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. ¹⁴ Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶ Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” ¹⁸ For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the Sabbath but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON