

## 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 Oakland, Assistant Director of Music  
Doyle Neuwiller, Bells Director  
Lori Wiseman, Ensemble Coordinator  
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Patricia Anglin, Childcare Provider  
Pat Bumpus, Clerk of Session  
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	<b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b> following worship service <b>Touchdown and Taters</b> following Congregational Meeting
Monday	<b>Salvation Army Monday Serving Team</b>
Tuesday	<b>The Bell Choir Practice</b> , 5:30 PM, Room 214-216
Wednesday	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> , 7:30 AM. America's Kitchen <b>Meals on Wheels Drivers</b> <b>Trustees Meeting</b> , 1:30 PM, Library <b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> , 6:30 PM. Choir Room
Thursday	<b>Chancel Ensemble Practice</b> , 6:30 PM, Sanctuary <b>Girls Night Out</b> , 5:30 PM, Hendley Wine Co.
Next Sunday	<b>9:00 Ida Austin Class</b> , online <b>9:15 Quest Bible Study</b> , parlor <b>JAZZ WORSHIP</b> <b>ARM MEETING</b> , 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"

### CONFSSION

### CALL TO CONFSSION

### PRAYER OF CONFSSION

**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 CONFSSION

### 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

### THE WORD

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON John 4:46-54

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<sup>46</sup> 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. <sup>47</sup> 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. <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup> The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. <sup>52</sup> 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." <sup>53</sup> 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. <sup>54</sup> 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