

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 18, 2017
10:45 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Bryan, Texas

GATHERING

GREETINGS The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

(Please take a moment to sign the fellowship folder and pass it to your neighbor. If you are seeking a church home, please read the announcement in the insert related to Christian discipleship & church membership.)

CHORAL INTROIT

Out of Deep, Unordered Water
(See Hymn No. 484, St. 1)

RUSTINGTON

OPENING SENTENCES AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

adapted from Hebrews 11:1-3

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for.

Faith is the conviction of concepts and aspects not seen.

Through the years of time,

God's outreach with grace for a covenant relationship with people engages us for journeys of serving.

From faith, we are convinced

That all creation and all newness of life – the visible and the invisible – exist among earth's people by way of God's eternal Word and Spirit.

We praise You, O Maker and Redeemer of all things, seen and unseen, of all creatures great and small, of every good gift. We praise you for abilities to envision and comprehend, to analyze and learn, to communicate and trust, to risk and care. Whether our understanding of your presence is closer or farther from accurate than you and we would hope, lead us where we cannot see, and prepare us for serving you with faith, hope, and love, always to your honor and glory. Hallelujah!

* HYMN NO. 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Text in **bold face type** is to be read by all.*

* CALL TO CONFESSION, PRAYER OF CONFESSION, ASSURANCE OF PARDON, AND JOYFUL RESPONSE

Let us humbly confess our sin, wanderings, and failings unto God.

We may laugh, Holy Sovereign, when we suspect a promise is preposterous. We may scowl when we sense we are being set up or deceived. We may snort indignantly when we feel certain someone is attempting to play us for a fool. Forgive us not for exhibiting intelligent skepticism; but forgive us our underestimating your perseverance and steadfastness, because we overestimate our abilities and qualities. Forgive also our only half-hearted willingness to trust and believe in your grace, thus lacking the conviction You desire. For all challenges, bring to life the miracle of faith in us, through the ministry, dying, and rising of Jesus our Lord . . .

(We pray in silence.)

Hear, trust, proclaim, and share the heart of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 581

Glory Be to The Father

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Love You, Lord *and* We Fall Down

I LOVE YOU, LORD; Chris Tomlin

I love you, Lord and I lift my voice to worship You; Oh, my soul rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear. Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. We exalt you, oh oh Lord. I love you, Lord. We fall down. We lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus. The greatness of Mercy and love at the feet of Jesus. And we cry holy, holy, holy is the lamb.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 606

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

YOUNG DISCIPLES' TIME

(Child care is available as early as 9:20am for infants in Room 108. While children are encouraged to remain for the entire worship service, parents may take toddlers and preschoolers to Room 103 of the 31st St. hallway for supervised activities during the remainder of the worship service. Pagers are available.)

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN NO. 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

(Sing three times.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

Pew Bible, O.T., p. 14

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

Give Me Faith

Elevation Worship

I need you to soften my heart and break me apart. I need you to open my eyes to see that You're shaping my life. All I am, I surrender. Give me faith to trust what you say, that you're good and your love is great. I'm broken inside, I give you my life. I need you to soften my heart and break me apart. I need you to pierce through the dark and cleanse every part of me. All I am, I surrender. Give me faith to trust what you say, that you're good and your love is great. I'm broken inside, I give you my life 'cause I may be weak, but Your spirit strong in me. My flesh may fail. My God, you never will. I may be weak, but Your spirit strong in me. My flesh may fail. My God you never will.

* STATEMENT OF FAITH

from John Calvin's Institutes (Bk.III, Chpt.VII; 1559 ed.)

We are not our own: Let not our reason nor our will, therefore, sway our plans and deeds. We are not our own: Let us, therefore, not set it as our goal to seek what is expedient for us . . . Conversely, we are God's: Let us, therefore, strive for God's wisdom and will to rule all our actions, willing nothing through ourselves but to follow the leading of the Lord alone.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, COMMUNION OF SAINTS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ON THE UNITED STATES' OBSERVANCE OF FATHER'S DAY – 2017

(portions adapted from the
Presbyterian Church in Ireland)

Let us pray . . . O Glorious and Caring One,

We offer thanks to you: for your mysteries throughout space and on earth which are small and large, simple and complex; for laughter, duty, study, sacrifice, and healthy relationships with other persons, in whose company we experience learning, encouragement, maturity, and even delight.

We are grateful for all those, known and unknown to us, who have gone before us and left something of themselves as a legacy of compassion, trust, faith, knowledge, perseverance, joy, and wisdom.

We give thanks to you for the ministries into which we are called as disciples and servant-friends with others; for your presence in the fellowship, worship, study, prayers, and outreach of communities of faith and of civic and charitable enhancement; and for the ways you guide your people, often beyond our ability to comprehend.

O Source of boundless creativity and peace-with-justice, send your liberating and reconciling influences into every community and individual's life, where repression, denial, discord, guilt, self-righteousness, and alienation weigh us down and separate us from life transformed by your Spirit.

O our Strength and Sure Defense, look with kindness upon those who are afflicted and downcast, those who are struggling and despondent. Support the oppressed. Deliver the tempted. Sustain the ill and injured. Empower each one beyond tears of bereavement to be a source of compassion and encouragement for others.

In every day that dawns, O Blessed One, as diminished as we sense ourselves to be without the physical presence among us of dear ones who have breathed their last, we are thankful for all of your gifts to them and through them shared with your world, both in their time and beyond.

Remind us continually how they and we together are yet alive in your Spirit in that communion of saints – a fellowship beyond what words can describe or empirical practices measure.

Now, also, hear us praying together as Jesus long ago taught those who learned from him:

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.

SENDING

HYMN NO. 852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

I'LL FLY AWAY

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Arise, and go forth as vessels of God's grace for sharing eternal love with all the world.

We go to follow the crucified and risen One – Jesus Christ – in whose spirit God guides us on our respective journeys this week, this year, and forever. Hallelujah!

* POSTLUDE

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A WARM WELCOME!

*We are delighted to have
you worship with us today.*

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER

Rev. Ted Foote

LITURGIST

Steve Young

Eric Peterson

USHER CAPTAINS

Briana Criaco

David Sahn

USHERS & GREETERS

Vicki Gergeni

Catherine Ezzell

Kathy Goepfinger

Beth Pennebaker

MUSICIANS

Steve Gentry, *pianist*

Andrea Young,

song leader & guitarist

Jared Overton,

percussionist

COVER ART

detail from

mosaic in the church

“Basilica of San Vitale”

Ravenna, Italy

(6th Century)

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, JUNE 18

9:20am Sunday Church School-VC *

10:45am Worship-S*

12:00pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY, JUNE 19

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

10:15am Staff Meeting-L

5:30pm Christian Education Committee-L

5:30pm Caring Support Committee-10

6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal-CR*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

8:45am Carpenter's Kids depart for Washington on the Brazos-
meet in the church parking lot

9:00am Newsletter Assembly and Shipping Group-L

11:30am Church Ladies Lunch & Fellowship-Café Eccell, Bryan

3:30pm Prayer Partners & CareTeam-L

TBA Young Adults Kickball-Veterans Park, College Station

(For field and time, contact Eric Peterson,

youngadults@fpcbryan.org)

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

6:00pm Chick Flicks-L/P

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, JUNE 25

Youth (GR 9-12) depart for Youth Celebration-Mo-Ranch

9:20am Sunday Church School-VC *

10:45am Worship-S*

2:00pm Visioning followed by Session Stated Meeting-L

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NEW MEMBERS may be received any Sunday by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership. If you feel led to inquire about becoming a church member or deepening your commitment as a disciple of Jesus Christ, please indicate your desire on the fellowship folder. You may also call the church (979.823.8073) or email Pastor Ted Foote (tfoote@fpcbryan.org) or Associate Pastor Marie Mickey (mmickey@fpcbryan.org). They will be glad to arrange a mutually convenient Sunday when you can be received by the Elders and introduced to the congregation.

At the conclusion of worship today, Rev. Foote will be in the narthex.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Worship clipboards with lectionary related activity sheets are available on the tables in the Narthex and also the hallway leading to the office. For those younger than 5, a loving childcare staff is available in the nursery. A pager system is provided to keep you in touch, should you be needed during the service. If you are unfamiliar with our building and need assistance, an usher will be pleased to help you. Also, two rocking chairs are located in the narthex, where the worship service can be heard via a ceiling speaker.

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

CARPENTER'S KIDS (weekly program for those completed K-GR 6) continues this Wednesday, June 21, with a field trip to Washington on the Brazos. The group will depart from the church parking lot at 8:45am. Sign up your child or grandchild by Monday, June 12. Contact Kathryn Nachlinger, knachlinger@gmail.com with questions.

Informational flyers, registration forms, and medical release forms are available on tables at entrances to the sanctuary and online at www.fpcbryan.org. Return completed forms to Kathryn Nachlinger or the church office.

CHOIR-LED WORSHIP SCHEDULED FOR JULY 2

The Worship Committee is planning a choir-led worship service on Sunday, July 2, for those who serve in our military, as well as those who serve in our local community through teaching, community service, law enforcement, or first responders. While your routine schedule may normally prevent participation on a regular basis, Director of Music Ministries David Kipp, music@fpcbryan.org, encourages you to join us if you can for this special summer project. Weekly rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the Chancel.

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes (incl. the July Calendar), covering news from June 29 – July 12, is **NOON TODAY.**

For the newsletter, announcements, upcoming bulletins, and updates, visit the church website: www.fpcbryan.org.

Stay connected with others in this community of faith at **CHURCH UPDATES**, FPC-Bryan's online tool for church-related announcements, needs, and prayers. Login and create your password-protected account at <https://fpcbtx.churchupdates.org/login>.