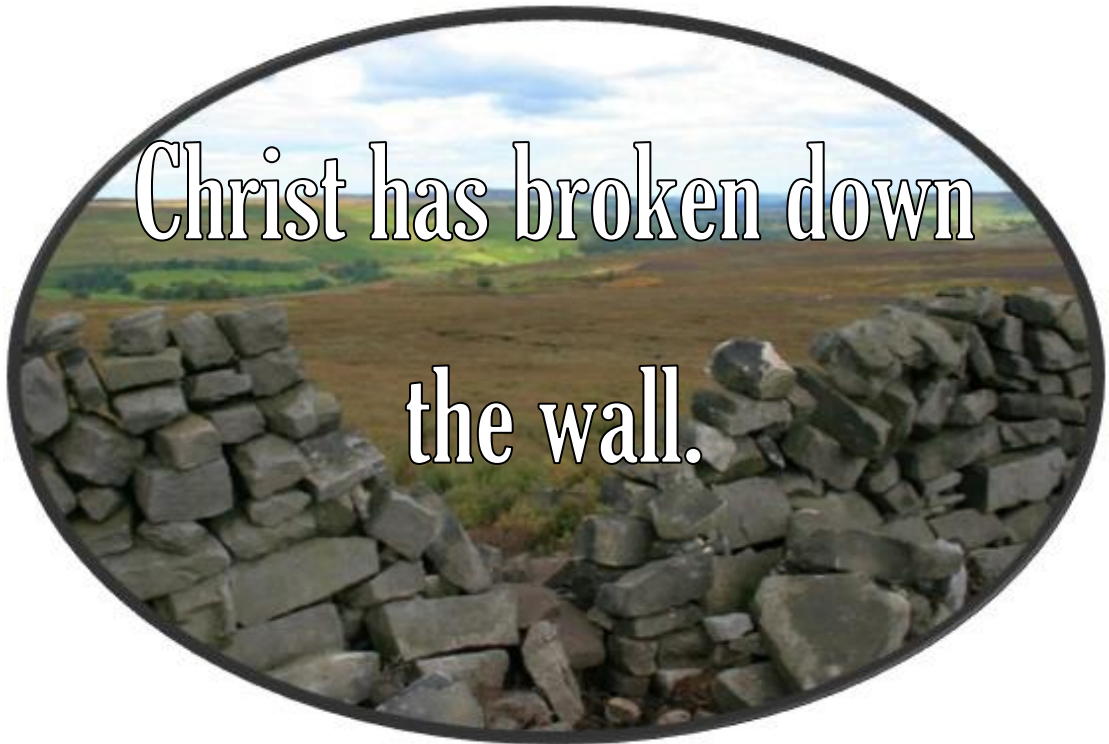


*Service for the Lord's Day  
First Presbyterian Church  
Commerce, Texas  
July 22, 2018  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*



**GREETINGS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (by Thom Shuman)

Leader: Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,

**People: we gather in this place built by God's steadfast love.**

Leader: Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims and wanderers,

**People: each of us seeks to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.**

Leader: Builders of bridges in fractured communities, those who stand on either side of walls of fear,

**People: the Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people – God's people!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*HYMN #761—*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (by Thom Shuman)

(in unison)

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. Forgive us, God. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people where even the smallest child is welcome to sit at God's Table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

(Hymnal, p. 581)

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

## YOUTH MOMENT

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT—2 Samuel 7:1-14a *God's Covenant with David* (Pew Bible, O.T., p. 268-269)

PSALTER—Psalm 89:20-37 (read responsively) (Pew Bible, O.T., p. 516-517)

Leader: I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

People: **my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.**

Leader: The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

People: **I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.**

Leader: My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

People: **I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.**

Leader: He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'

People: **I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.

People: **I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.**

Leader: If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,

People: **if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,**

Leader: then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;

People: **but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.**

Leader: I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

People: **Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.**

Leader: His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

People: **It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies."**

**GOSPEL—Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

*Feeding the Five Thousand  
Helping the Sick at Gennesaret*

(Pew Bible, N.T., p. 38-39)

**EPISTLE—Ephesians 2:11-22**

***One in Christ***

(Pew Bible, N.T., p. 181)

**SERMON**

Rev. Krista Rasco

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

(Hymnal, p. 35)

**\*HYMN #309—Come, Great God of All the Ages**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Hymnal, p. 35)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God..

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen (x 7).**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #748—Go with Us, Lord (2 times)**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING -- *Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.**

**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen**

**POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand if able*

*Assisting in Worship Today*

Ric Estes--Head Usher; TBD--Candle lighter; Brenda Estes--Liturgist.

*Assisting in Worship Next Sunday (March 14)*

Russ Garmon--Head Usher; TBD--Candle lighter; Nancy Green--Liturgist.

Next Sunday is a special hymn sing featuring FPC's own Jim Deaton and his friend Joe Knight, so there will be no sermon and thus no sermon focus.

In Our Prayers at First Presbyterian

Our Troops	Gordon Hunter	Bruce Campbell	Sara Grace Pullen
Melba Blount	Amy Lopez	Joe Yeakley	Grace Byrd
Gayle Shumate	Gladys Gray	Mildred Miller	Gaye Furry
Preston Helton	Catherine King Robertson	Bennie Neve	Ron Davis
Jan Burns	Audrey Hucks	Larry Ratliff	Jack Gray
Jean Angotti	Jim Calvert	Tammi Fucci	Adele Reeves
Bob Wilkins	Joe Dipiazza	Deryl McKenzie	Danny Spruel
Kristen Anderson	Family of Beverly Murphy	Family of Donald R. Smith	
The Chang Family in Atlanta and China	Family of Freda Lambert	Family of Joyce McCord	
Family and friends of Gary Smith			

Announcements

- ◊ Got a favorite hymn? Come prepared to request it at next Sunday's Hymn Sing!
- ◊ Another successful SCAMP concluded on Friday. Nearly 30 children participated this year. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

Upcoming Events

- ◊ Tuesday, July 24, 5 p.m.—Food pantry board meeting
- ◊ Sunday, July 29, 10:50 a.m.—Hymn Sing worship service

We extend to you a very special welcome. We hope our time together will serve to nurture you in your Christian faith. If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Presbyterian Church and the ministry and mission of this church, please contact the church office.

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Session Members

2018

Martha Clevenger  
Jordan Conner  
Wally Tucker  
Bettina Zvanut

2019

Brenda Estes  
Tina Fletcher  
Russ Garmon  
Lily Selvaggi

2020

Nancy Green  
Bob Johnson  
Neal Stewart