

*Service for the Lord's Day  
First Presbyterian Church  
Commerce, Texas  
September 16, 2018  
Second Sunday after Epiphany*

**WORDS**  
*Have*  
*Power*



Tomorrow, you'll have to live with the words you speak today.

**GREETINGST**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** The Lord our God is revealed to us in many ways—through God's creative love in nature and people.

**People:** **With reverent awe we come to worship our Glorious God.**

**Leader:** The truths about our God are spoken so fluently—through our God's creative Word and presence.

**People:** **With joy and delight we gather to worship our God.**

**Leader:** The reality of God's creative Spirit can be experienced each day—in changed lives, and in sustained and renewed creation. Praise be to the God who speaks to us in so many ways.

**People:** **We respond by offering our thoughts in worship and praise.**

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*HYMN #14—*For the Beauty of the Earth*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

Wise and loving God, every experience tells us about your love. When our minds are full of noise and clatter, your peace is just a breath away. When we are weary and bored, the wonders of your creation, from landscapes and living things, to clouds and stars, invite us to fall silent with awe. So many times you call, and we refuse to listen. So many times you reach out, and we ignore you. So many times doing the right thing requires sacrifice and suffering, and we choose safety and comfort instead. So many times we set our minds on human things, and forget to dwell on living things. In the name of the Messiah, 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

## GOSPEL—Mark 8:27-38

*Peter's Declaration about Jesus*

(Pew Bible, N.T., p. 41)

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

## OLD TESTAMENT—Proverbs 1:20-33 (read responsively)

(Pew Bible, O.T., p. 552)

Leader: Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

People: **At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:**

Leader: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?"

People: **Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.**

Leader: Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

People: **and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,**

Leader: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,

People: **when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.**

Leader: Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

People: **Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,**

Leader: would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,

People: **therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.**

Leader: For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

**People: but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."**

**EPISTLE—James 3:1-12**

*Taming the Tongue*

(Pew Bible, N.T., p. 216)

**ANTHEM**

**PSALTER—Psalm 19**

*God's Glory in Creation and the Law*

(Pew Bible, O.T., p. 472)

**SERMON**

Rev. Krista Rasco

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

(Hymnal, p. 35)

**\*HYMN #821—*My Life Flows On***

**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 #616—*Our God Is an Awesome God***

**\*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; Susan Reeves—Liturgist.

*Assisting in Worship Next Sunday (Sept. 23)*

Scott Stewart--Head Usher; TBD--Candle lighter; Toni Deaton—Liturgist.

Sermon Focus for next two Sundays: Sept. 23—Proverbs 31:10-31; Sept. 30—Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22.

### 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 Freda Lambert	Nancy Smith	Petra Strassberg
Gary and Melba Strobel			

### Announcements

- ◇ Gary and Melba Strobel, a son and his mother who are friends of the McKenzie's, have been added to the prayer list. Both are in decline from serious illness. Please keep them and all those on our list in your prayers.
- ◇ Remember to come back to FPC this evening at 6 p.m. for our scrumptious Ice Cream Social. The Membership Committee is in charge, so be sure to thank its members when you see them.

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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**Pastor:** Rev. Krista Rasco

**Clerk of Session:** Wally Tucker

**Choir Director:** Micah Krajca

**Pianist:** David Vergara

**Nursery Attendant:** Carolyn McFarland

### 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