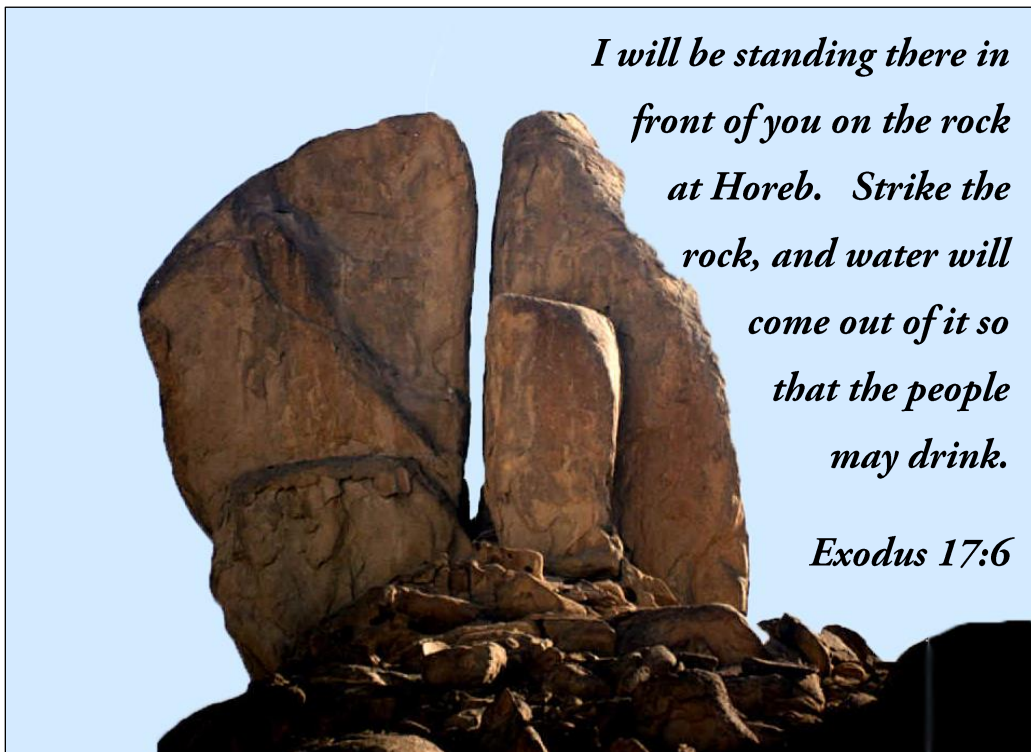


*Service for the Lord's Day  
First Presbyterian Church  
Commerce, Texas  
October 1, 2017*

*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion Sunday*



*I will be standing there in  
front of you on the rock  
at Horeb. Strike the  
rock, and water will  
come out of it so  
that the people  
may drink.*

*Exodus 17:6*

**GREETINGS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Pincho*

Adolfo Mejia

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us to the feast!

**People: We come to eat the bread of heaven, and drink from the cup of new life, to taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Leader: God calls us to the feast!

**People: We gather with sisters and brothers around the world to break bread and share one cup, to celebrate our unity in Christ.**

Leader: God calls us to the feast!

**People: Let us join the celebration. Let us worship God!**

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*HYMN #506—*Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. 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—Matthews 21:23-32

(Pew Bible, N.T., p. 22)

*The Authority of Jesus Questioned / The Parable of the Two Sons*

### PSALTER--Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (read responsively)

(Pew Bible, O.T., p. 508-509)

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

Leader: things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

People: **We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**

Leader: In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

People: **He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.**

Leader: In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

### EPISTLE—Philippians 2:1-18

(Pew Bible, N.T., p. 186)

*Imitating Christ's Humility*

## ANTHEM

***Encouragement of Faith***

Joseph M. Martin

## OLD TESTAMENT—Exodus 17:1-7

(Pew Bible, O.T., p. 61)

*Water from the Rock*

## SERMON

Rev. Krista Rasco

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Nicene Creed* (Hymnal, p. 34)

**\*HYMN OF THE MONTH #315—*In the Midst of New Dimensions***

**OFFERTORY** *Invierno Porteño* Astor Piazzolla

**\*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**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**HYMN #318—*In Christ There Is No East or West***

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Hymnal, p. 35)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN #203—*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love***

**\*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** *Sueño Castellano* Carol Klose

**\*Please stand if able**

Assisting in Worship Today

Brenda Estes, Host Elder; Petra Strassberg, Head Usher;  
TBD, Candlelighter; Walt Davis, Liturgist; Wally Tucker, Elements.

Assisting in Worship Next Sunday (Oct. 8)

Jordan Conner, Head Usher; TBD, Candlelighter; Toni Deaton, Liturgist.

Sermon Focus for next two Sundays: Oct. 8—Exodus 20:1-4.7-20; Oct. 15—Exodus 32:1-14

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	Pat Skauge	Mildred Miller
Gaye Furry	Preston Helton	Loretta Kibler	Donald R. Smith
Catherine King Robertson	Bennie Neve	Ron Davis	Janice Sigur
Aaron Senne	Jan Burns	Kristen Rueb	Jordan Moore
Janice Hale	Dub Holcomb	Family of Bob Lube	Family of ChrisHubbert
Jackie Book	Martha and Dan Reynolds	Ruth Green	Audrey Hucks
Larry Ratliff	Martha Clevenger	Jack Gray	Jean Lancaster Angotti

Announcements

- ◊ Jean Lancaster Angotti has been added to our prayer list. She is a Pennsylvania cousin of church secretary Roger McKenzie's wife Carole. She is in the ICU for respiratory failure. Please pray for her and all those on our list.
- ◊ Our old red hymnals being given away as long as they last. If you haven't gotten one, please do so.
- ◊ It is not too early to mark your calendar for the annual FPC Fish Fry. It is Sunday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m.
- ◊ The food pantry needs of paper bags, especially those with handles like the ones from Braum's.

Upcoming Events

- ◊ Monday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m.—PW Circle meeting
- ◊ Saturday, Oct. 14—PW Fall Gathering at
- ◊ Sunday, Oct. 15, 6 p.m.—FPC fish fry, sponsored by the Membership Committee. Bring a side dish and come hungry

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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