

*Service for the Lord's Day
First Presbyterian Church
Commerce, Texas
February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*



Christ Healing the Mother of Simon Peter's Wife – John Bridges 1818-1854

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Little Mazurka

Christos Tsitsaros

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

People: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Leader: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

People: Gather us in, the young and the old.

Leader: Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

People: Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

Leader: Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

People: Gather us in, to know of God's love.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN #393 – *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

O God, we come to you knowing that we are broken but reluctant to be made whole. We confess that we often fear your healing touch and what it might mean to be made well. We are comfortable in our brokenness because it is familiar. We are afraid that we would owe you too much if we allowed you to make us new. Yet that is what we long for, deep in our souls, for you to make our lives whole again. Heal our hearts, forgive our failings and mend our hurts. Reach out to us, O Lord, so that we might have the courage to reach back. 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—Isaiah 40:21-31 *God's People Are Comforted* (Pew Bible, O.T., p. 628-629)

PSALTER—Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (read responsively) (Pew Bible, N.T., p. 549-550)

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: **The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

People: **He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

People: **The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

People: **He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.**

Leader: He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

People: **His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;**

Leader: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

People: **Praise the LORD!**

EPISTLE—1 Corinthians 9:16-23

(Pew Bible, N.T., p. 161)

The Rights of an Apostle

ANTHEM

Come and Sing

Robert Lau

GOSPEL—Mark 1:29-39

*Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House /
A Preaching Tour in Galilee*

(Pew Bible, N.T., p. 33)

SERMON

Rev. Krista Rasco

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

(Hymnal, p. 34)

***HYMN #401—Here in This Place (verses 1 & 2)**

OFFERTORY

Georgetown Lake

Dennis Alexander

***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 #401—Here in This Place (verses 3 & 4)

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 OF THE MONTH #783—When We Are Tested**

***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

Melody

W. Gillock

***Please stand if able**

Assisting in Worship Today

Nancy Green, Host Elder; Scott Stewart, Head Usher;
TBD, Candle lighter; Toni Deaton, Liturgist; Martha Clevenger, Elements

Assisting in Worship Next Sunday (Feb. 14)

Neal Stewart, Head Usher; TBD, Candle lighter; Susan Reeves, Liturgist.

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	Loretta Kibler	Donald R. Smith	Catherine King Robertson
Bennie Neve	Ron Davis	Jan Burns	Dub Holcomb
Family of Bob Lube	Family of Chris Hubbert	Jackie Book	Martha and Dan Reynolds
Ruth Green	Audrey Hucks	Larry Ratliff	Martha Clevenger
Jack Gray	Jean Angotti	Joyce Isaacs	Jim Calvert
Deryl McKenzie	Family of Natalie Salisbury	Tammi Fucci	Walt Davis
Family of Judy Vanderpool	Southern Californians affected by the wild fires and mud slides.		
Adele Reeves	Jordan and Clelie Senne	Family of Jackie Lair	Family of Janice Hale
Family of Madeline Sullivan	Brandon and Kate Pullen Hall	Family of Richard Fulkerson	

Announcements

- ◊ After worship today, consider heading over to the First United Methodist Church for its annual Souper Bowl of Caring. You are invited to bring a side dish or dessert, but it is not necessary. Come get a bowl of soup for lunch. Donations benefit the two food pantries in Commerce.
- ◊ FPC is collecting robes and slippers again this year. If you have gently used items or would like to purchase a new item, they will be taken in a nice gift bag to Kindred Hospice in Greenville for distribution to the patients. Drop off items with Bettina Zvanut or at the church office.

Upcoming Events

- ◊ Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m.—Session meeting
- ◊ Monday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m.—PW Circle meeting
- ◊ Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6 p.m.—Ash Wednesday 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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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