

*Service for the Lord's Day
First Presbyterian Church
Commerce, Texas
February 19, 2017
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*



GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude #5

Catherine Rollin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, all of your ways,

People: And we will follow You until the end.

Leader: Give us understanding, that we may keep your covenant,

People: And trust it with our whole heart.

Leader: Lead us in the path of your commandments,

People: For we find joy in following You.

Leader: Turn our hearts to your decrees,

People: And away from selfish gain.

Leader: In this time of worship, lead us to draw closer to You.

People: May we love You and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: Open our hearts and minds to You in this time of worship.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***HYMN #701** – *Lord, Prepare Me* (sing twice)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

We may try to trick ourselves, but we cannot fool you, Wise God. We hold onto grudges as if they were the most precious of jewels. We steal another's identity when we ridicule who they are, and we boast about all we are without a nod toward you, who have blessed us.

No matter how often we hurt you, God of grace, you show us your merciful nature. As you seek to teach us your ways, may we pay close attention. As you love us despite our foolish choices, may we be more compassionate toward others. As we seek to follow Jesus, may we be willing to go as far as he will take us, even into that place of hope and peace, which is the realm of your heart.

*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—Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

(Pew Bible, O.T., p. 102)

Ritual and Moral Holiness

PSALTER--Psalm 119:33-40 (read responsively)

(Pew Bible, O.T., p. 535-536)

Leader: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

People: **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

People: **Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.**

Leader: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

People: **Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

Leader: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

People: **See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.**

EPISTLE—1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

(Pew Bible, N.T., p. 157)

On Divisions in the Corinthian Church

ANTHEM

GOSPEL—Matthew 5:38-48

(Pew Bible, N.T., p. 5)

Concerning Retaliation / Love for Enemies

SERMON

Rev. Krista Rasco

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Hymnal, p. 35)

***HYMN #727—Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

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

Harmony of Angels

J.F. Burgmüller

***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 #313—Lord, Make Us More Holy**

***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

Elegy

William Guillock

**Please stand if able*

Assisting in Worship Today

Brenda Estes, Head Usher; Cal Conner, Candle lighter; Lily Selvaggi, Liturgist.

Assisting in Worship Next Sunday (Feb. 26)

Jordan Conner, Head Usher; Matti Ritchie, Candle lighter; Walt Davis, Liturgist.

In Our Prayers at First Presbyterian

Our Troops	Gordon Hunter	Bruce Campbell	Sara Grace Pullen
Melba Blount	Amy Lopez	Billy Marshall	Joe Yeakley
Grace Byrd	Gayle Shumate	Gladys Gray	Pat Skauge
Mildred Miller	Amanda Swanson	Gaye Furry	Preston Helton
Loretta Kibler	Joan Walvoord	Donald R. Smith	Catherine King Robertson
Odeana Stewart	Bennie Neve	Family of Edwin Chambers	Frieda Branom
Ron Davis	Janice Sigur	Family of Don Acker	Family of Jace Carrington
Family of Brad Rollins		Odeana Stewart	

Announcements

- ◊ Odeana Stewart is back in the hospital. Please keep her and the rest of those on our prayer list in your prayers.
- ◊ Teach the Preacher has resumed. The next meetings are Feb. 21 and Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. in the church parlor.
- ◊ We have reached the point where you can start using the on-line version of the new FPC Church Directory. Copies with directions on how to use it are on tables in the church hallway and narthex.

Upcoming Events

- ◊ Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m.—Christian Education meeting
- ◊ Saturday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.—Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth
- ◊ Wednesday, March 1, 6 p.m.—Ash Wednesday 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 at (903) 886-3783 or via e-mail at fpc-commerce@embarqmail.com.

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Session Members

2017
Walter Davis
Helon Razniak
Petra Strassberg

2018
Martha Clevenger
Jordan Conner
Wally Tucker
Bettina Zvanut

2019
Brenda Estes
Tina Fletcher
Russ Garmon