



# First Presbyterian Church El Campo, Texas

*First Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a spiritual home that proclaims God's presence and love to all people by creating a welcoming environment for Christian spiritual growth through worship, fellowship, and education and to joyfully celebrate God's love as disciples serving the community and the world.*

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**January 17, 2021      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

*Welcome to Worship!*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE      *Jesus Is Calling*      George Stebbins; arr. Franklin Ritter

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come and see the grace of God,  
**All: Christ our teacher and our friend.**  
One: Come and see the son of God,  
**All: Christ our healer and salvation.**  
One: God is with us and among us.  
**All: Come and see!**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God you call us together and tell us when two or three are gathered, you are with us too. But we forget. Forgive us when we make our faith too personal. Forgive us when we reach in rather than out. Forgive us when we neglect the resource of the community of faith. Show us how to be good companions to others on your way and help us to receive each other's care. Amen. (Silent Confession.)**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. In  
Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Instrumental)**      Albert Junos Holden

**THE HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Call to Worship expresses God's invitation to gather as Christ's body in this place. It reminds us that worship is an encounter with the Holy One who calls all things into being.

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10 CEV

Samuel served the LORD by helping Eli the priest, who was by that time almost blind. In those days, the LORD hardly ever spoke directly to people, and he did not appear to them in dreams very often. But one night, Eli was asleep in his room, and Samuel was sleeping on a mat near the sacred chest in the LORD's house. They had not been asleep very long when the LORD called out Samuel's name. "Here I am!" Samuel answered. Then he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. What do you want?" "I didn't call you," Eli answered. "Go back to bed." Samuel went back. Again the LORD called out Samuel's name. Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "What do you want?" Eli told him, "Son, I didn't call you. Go back to sleep." The LORD had not spoken to Samuel before, and Samuel did not recognize the voice. When the LORD called out his name for the third time, Samuel went to Eli again and said, "Here I am. What do you want?" Eli finally realized that it was the LORD who was speaking to Samuel. So he said, "Go back and lie down! If someone speaks to you again, answer, 'I'm listening, LORD. What do you want me to do?'" Once again Samuel went back and lay down. The LORD then stood beside Samuel and called out as he had done before, "Samuel! Samuel!" "I'm listening," Samuel answered. "What do you want me to do?"

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51 NRSV

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Eli who mentored Samuel reminds us that we learn how to discern God's voice and call in proximity to people who have come before us. They help attune our ears and heart to hear from God.

Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *More Than One*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

arr. John Carter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jesus, Savior, I Adore Thee* EBENEZER; T. J. Williams

Cesáreo Gabaráin (1936-1991) was one of the best-known composers of Spanish liturgical music, and is the only Roman Catholic composer to be awarded a Gold Record in Spain. His 1979 hymn, *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*, recounts the story of Jesus' calling of his first disciples. The gentle melody is reminiscent of a rocking boat by the lakeshore.