



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, joyfully celebrating God's love as disciples serving the community and the world.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 25, 2021

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
RESIGNATION; arr. S. William Flynn

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 117)

One: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

All: Extol God, all you peoples!

One: For great is God's steadfast love toward us.

All: The faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #801 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*
To the tune of *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me; and they rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup over-flows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forever-more my dwelling place shall be.**

*Those who are able, please stand

This hymn is a
paraphrase of the
so-called Scottish
Psalter of 1650
intended for use
by all Presbyterian
in the British Isles.
GTG

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(from Psalm 65:2-4a)

Almighty God, we confess we have followed our own ways too much. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. “Everyone will come to you [O God] because you answer prayer. Our terrible sins get us down, but you forgive us. You bless your chosen ones, and you invite [us to live with you].” Amen. (Silent Confession.)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(Psalm 130:7)

One: “Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.” We are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23KJV

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The book of Psalms uses various different Hebrew words for the name of God. YHWH/Yahweh or Jehovah (687 uses in the book of Psalms) is translated into English as Lord and is often combined with other words such as shepherd, righteousness, or hosts. Elohim (362 uses) is translated into English as God. Adonai (55 uses) is translated into English like Yahweh as Lord. El Elyon (19 uses) is translated into English as Most High God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23 MSG

GOD, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from. True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction. Even when the way goes through Death alley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure. You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of GOD for the rest of my life.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: Psalm 23

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' 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 on 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

116 of the 150 Psalms in the Bible include superscripts. These provide one, two, or three notes that include which liturgical collect the psalm is derived from, worship notes such as "with stringed instruments," and a historical note. Psalm 59 has all three notes.

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.**

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
ST. COLUMBA; arr. James Koerts

*THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN *Psalm 23* –to the tune, *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

**As faithful shepherds tend their flocks,
So God will care for me;
And from God's store of grace my needs
Are met abundantly.
In pastures green, by waters still,
My soul new life does take;
And in the paths of righteousness
I follow, for God's sake.**

**When death surrounds I will not fear,
God's strength dispels my dread;
I hold God's blessing in my heart
And face my fear instead.
For as a lamb, my comfort rests
Upon the Shepherd's rod.
To bring me home, where'er I stray
Into the fold of God.**

ST. COLUMBA is a traditional Irish melody, named after the monk who founded the monastery on the island of Iona, and it was first published in 1855. It was "sung on the dedication of a chapel" in County Londonderry, Ireland. The tune was paired with the hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" in the *English Hymnal* (1906), and has risen in popularity ever since. (#802 in *Glory to God*)

**A bounteous feast for me is placed
In presence of my foes;
My head with oil the Lord anoints,
My cup with grace o'erflows.
The loving-kindness of the Lord
Is mine for all my days.
And in God's house for evermore
I'll join the songs of praise.**

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***BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Seek Ye

First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Recessional on EIN FESTE BURG
Martin Luther; arr. Michael Ryan

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Erin McGee, preaching

Ted Lashley, musician, adult music director

Tommy Hitzfeld, Mauri Couey, Gerry Couey, ushers

FLOWERS: Placed by Jim, Jill & Kayleigh Gardner in celebration of Jim's birthday.

THIS WEEK AT FPC:

Monday, July 26

5:35 pm – POW/Reboot mtg. Family Center

Sunday, August 1

11:00 am – Worship, Communion

Baptism, Jonathan Martin

PRAYER LIST:

George Gerberman

Gwen Hill

Joy Roppolo

Yvonne Nielsen

Jean McAskill

Diana Whitley

David Urbis

Andrew Stillman

Ruth McCauley

Gary Strarup

Jim Janik

Lawrence and Paula Kana

Tommy Staff

We will keep members and friends on our prayer list for one month. After that, please email the church communications assistant to add that person to the list again.

Sermon Worship Series Continues: Summer in the Psalms

This Sunday we will continue our 5-week sermon series, "Summer in the Psalms." Our worship liturgy/prayers will be based on psalms. Our scripture readings and sermons will be taken from Psalm 100, 13, 23, 30, and 150. Our hymns will be psalms sung to well-known tunes or hymns based on psalms. Our devotional texts will be psalm-based. We will dive deep into the Bible's most personal and most worshipful book! Come join us!

Presbyterian Basics Class Videos Available On the Church Website!

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Week 1 - <https://vimeo.com/560452051>

Week 2 - <https://vimeo.com/562763585>

Week 3 - <https://vimeo.com/566116375>

Week 4 - <https://vimeo.com/569979718>

Week 5 - <https://vimeo.com/571463587>

Purple Hymnals

FPC has purchased a few more purple hymnals. Currently there are 15 hymnals available to purchase in honor of or in memory of someone. The cost is \$20 per hymnal. These may go quick so if you want one to donate one be sure and email the church office at presbyterianec@gmail.com.

Golf Tournament - August 12

FPC's Annual Golf Tournament, Auction, and Meal is scheduled for Thursday, August 12, 5:30pm. The entry fee for golf is \$60.00 including a fajita dinner and 2 tickets for a Yeti cooler raffle. Prizes are paid to 1st, 2nd & 3rd golfers. There will also be a live auction! Not a golfer? Come for the meal and auction! It's \$20 per person. Please sign up in the Pro Shop or call/text Derek Treybig 979-332-2484, Gerry Couey 979-541-6926, or Blake Barger 979-270-1889.

New School Year Kick-Off Celebration - August 15

Join your church family for an after-worship celebration of the start of a new school year, the beginning of a "back together" church program year, a return to Fellowship Suppers, and the renovation of the youth space upstairs! We will have a hamburger lunch in the Family Center and tours of the upstairs space! Nothing to bring! Just come enjoy!

Watch your Mail - Planning for End of Life Services

In the next few weeks, all church members age 60 and older will receive a letter and packet of information from Erin regarding funerals, memorial services, and committal services. Please read through this carefully and give your children, family, and friends the gift of your wishes. If you have any questions or are younger than 60 and would like a copy of this document, please let the church office or Erin know.