



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
June 19, 2022 **Ordinary Time**

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us*
DULCE CARMEN; arr. Joseph Edward Newell

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 22: 19-28)

One: God is here, ready and waiting for us.

All: We shout Hallelujah!

One: We give glory to God!

All: We adore the Lord!

One: God has been right here.

All: God is with us.

One: Let us worship our God.

*HYMN #610 *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my
dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my
God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and
bids our sorrow cease, sings music in the
sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new
life the dead receive; the mournful waken
to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, as-
sist me to proclaim, to spread through all the
earth abroad the honors of thy name.

The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter, but the first Sunday is always Trinity Sunday, and the last Sunday is always the Sunday of the Reign of Christ or Christ the King. The season also includes All Saints and Thanksgiving.

To God all glory, praise, and love be
now and ever given by saints below and
saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our own sin, and whose
mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us
from our proud thoughts and vain desires. Show us how to
live with reverent and humble hearts. Teach us to find our
refuge and strength in you that we may live to the glory of
your holy name. Amen. (Silent Confession.)**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We are dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ. 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

Galatians 3:23-29, NRSVUE

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no

The gospel of Luke is part one of a two-part series about the life of Jesus Christ and his early followers who become the Christian church. It was likely written near 90 A.D. and contains material that is not found in the other gospels. (However, today's sermon text from Luke 8:26-39 is found in Matthew and Mark as well.)

longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:26-39, NRSVUE

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

"The present text of the Apostles' Creed is similar to the baptismal creed used in the church in Rome in the 3rd and 4th centuries. It reached its final form in southwestern France in the late 6th or early 7th century. Gradually it replaced other baptismal creeds and was acknowledged as the official statement of faith of the entire Catholic church in the West by the time that Innocent III was pope (1198–1216). All creedal Protestant churches accept the Apostles' Creed and use it in worship, but some (e.g., the United Methodist Church) delete the line 'He descended to the dead.'
" <https://www.britannica.com/>

SERMON

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
ELLACOMBE; 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 #462 *I Love to Tell the Story*
I love to tell the story of the unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

*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!**

Mozart was 9 years old when he composed his 4th Symphony in 1765. Consisting of three movements in the typical *fast-slow-fast* configuration, the work is scored for two oboes, two horns, and full strings (1st Violins, 2nd Violins, Violas, Cellos, and Double Basses). During his family's visit to England that same year, young Mozart's 1st and 4th symphonies were performed at the Little Haymarket Theatre in London. Today's postlude is arranged from the 3rd movement of Symphony No. 4 in D Major.

POSTLUDE *Presto* from Symphony No. 4 in D
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; arr. Lani Smith

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Erin McGee, Preaching
Ted Lashley, Musician, adult choir director
Mauri and Gerry Couey, Ushers

SANCTUARY FLOWERS - Flowers placed by Barbara & Tommy Hitzfeld in honor of all fathers on Father's Day.

THIS WEEK AT FPC:

Monday, June 20 6:15 pm – Session
Sunday, June 26 11:00 am – Worship

Prayer List

Yvonne Nilson Diana Whitley Blair Couey
David Urbis Alexander Stillman

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.

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