



## **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 3, 2022** **Ordinary Time**

*Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church!*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*  
AMERICA; arr. James Southbridge

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 66)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**All: Let us sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you."

**All: All the earth worships you O God; we sing praises to you; we sing praises to your name.**

One: Come and see what God has done:

**All: God is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

One: Bless our God, O peoples.

**All: Let the sound of our praise to God be heard.**

\*HYMN #267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

Singing for evermore: Alleluia! Amen!

The Prayer of Confession is a congregational prayer often in the prayer form of a "Collect" (pronounced KAH-lect). Collects have 5 "moves": address to God; description of some attribute or action of God; petition based on that attribute or action; result clause indicating the purpose of the petition; and a concluding praise.

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, who is always ready to forgive and whose mercy knows no bounds, we come to you in humble contrition. We are aware of our shortcomings, and we bring our actions and inactions to lay at your feet of grace. Cleanse us and forgive us, that as we yield to your capacity to heal and make new, we may also witness to the ways you heal and forgive others. In humility and hope, through Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession.)**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 2:8)

One: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

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

2 Kings 5:1, NRSVUE

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:20-27, NRSVUE

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The narrator of 2 Kings begins this account in a strikingly unconventional way. Rather than beginning with the usual "and it was" that typically opens a narrative, the narrator starts with a name and a detailed description. This is intended to emphasize the personhood and identity of the main character Naaman. (L. Daniel Hawk, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew)

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:2-14, NRSVUE

Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease.” So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, “Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.” He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease.” When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.” But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and

cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### **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.**

## CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

*America, the Beautiful*

MATERNA, Samuel Ward; arr. Phillip Keveren

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #606)

**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.**

Each stanza of *America, the Beautiful* combines appreciation of America's beauty with prayers to God for His blessings on and aid for the nation. In petitioning God to "mend [America's] every flaw," we acknowledge our imperfection as a country. In praying for the unity of brotherhood "from sea to shining sea," we acknowledge that the disunity that exists is undesirable. Once the lyrics were matched with Samuel Ward's tune MATERNA in 1912, this hymn became an American staple following World War I. (#338 in *GtG*)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with You

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

*The elements used in the Lord's Supper are wine (red) or juice (golden) and bread or gluten-free crackers (in the small dish). When passing the bread to your neighbor, say, "This is the Bread of Life." When passing the wine or juice to your neighbor, say, "This is the Cup of Salvation." You may partake of the elements as you receive them.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN #658 *God Is So Good*

God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.

God cares for me; God cares for me;

God cares for me; God's so good to me.

God loves me so; God loves me so;  
God loves me so; God's so good to me.

God is so good; God is so good:  
God is so good: God's so good to

\*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!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Fanfare on "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"*  
Traditional American Melody; arr. Matthew McConnell

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## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Erin McGee, preaching  
Ted Lashley, musician, adult music director  
Teresa & Dick Ramsey, Jessica Radley, Ushers

## **THIS WEEK AT FPC:**

Monday, July 4  
Thursday, July 7  
Sunday, July 10

Office Closed, 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday  
Manna Meals FPC, 3:00pm  
11:00 am – Worship

## **PRAYER LIST:**

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.

## **CHURCH OFFICERS**

### **Class of 2022**

Gerry Couey  
Jana Fernandez  
Linda dale Raun

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### **Class of 2023**

Elizabeth Clapp  
Taylor Martin

Vicki Ekstrom  
Derek Treybig

### **Class of 2024**

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Mary Johnson, Clerk  
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## **CHURCH STAFF**

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