October 11, 2015
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

O Lord our God, be Thou our guide. So by Thy power, no foot shall slide.

WESTMINSTER

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Opening #288: “I Sing the Might Power of God”

*Prayer of Confession together

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness & Passing of the Peace

You are invited to turn and greet your neighbors, saying “May the peace of Christ be with you.”

*Response: #579 “Glory Be to the Father”

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.
WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Children’s Time: FPC Preschool Coat Sunday

Following children’s time, children grades K-3 may remain in the sanctuary with parents or leave for children’s chapel. Children will be returned to the sanctuary after the sermon.

Anthem: “I Will Arise”

   I will arise and go to Jesus
   He will embrace me in His arms
   In the arms of my dear Savior
   Oh! There are ten thousand charms
   Teach me some melodious sonnet
   Sung by flaming tongues above
   Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it
   Mount of Thy redeeming love
   Come thou fount of every blessing
   Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
   Streams of mercy never ceasing
   Call for songs of loudest praise

arr. by Robert Shaw

Scripture & Sermon

“The Reformation: Ad Fontes”

1As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. 2My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? 3My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?” 4These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. 5Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. 6Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. 7By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. 8I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?” 9As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?” 10Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. (Psalm 42:1-11)
WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer together

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.

Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings: “You Raise Me Up”  Brendan Graham

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary When troubles come and my heart burdened be Then I am still and wait here in the silence Until you come and sit awhile with me You raise me up so I can stand on mountains You raise me up to walk on stormy seas I am strong when I am on your shoulders You raise me up to more than I can be There is no life - no life without it’s hunger Each restless heart beats so imperfectly But when you come and I am filled with wonder Sometimes, I think I glimpse eternity You raise me up so I can stand on mountains You raise me up to walk on stormy seas I am strong when I am on your shoulders You raise me up to more than I can be

*Response: #592 “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.

*Affirmation of Faith together

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.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Closing Hymn: #339: “Be Thou My Vision”

*Announcements & Benediction

*Choral Response: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”  Ralph Vaughan Williams

*An asterisk indicates places in the worship service where the congregation should stand, as able.
WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Leadership (9:00am Service)
Pastor Neal Locke is preaching today. Our Praise Band is led by George Salas, assisted by Jessica Rodriguez. Our Usher is Eileen Salome.

Worship Leadership (11:00am Service)
Pastor Neal Locke is preaching today. Our choir is directed by Steven Avila. Ushers are Craig Field (Captain), Cathryn Baker, Dan Barr, Amy Field.

For Children & Parents (both services)
Children are welcome to stay throughout worship—we really don't mind if they wander the aisles and add their voices! However, for those who prefer, childcare for infants through preschool is also available. Children's bulletins are available at the entrances. Diaper changing stations are located in the men's & women's restrooms in the Robert Young Centre.

Hospitality
Breakfast prior to the 9:00am service in the Centre. Refreshments following the 11:00am service in the Centre.

Accompanist/Organist Needed
If you know of a local organist please send them in our direction. Auditions are currently taking place.

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations!
Best wishes are extended to Jennifer Ourand and Sergio Delgado, married at First Presbyterian Church on October 3, 2015. Pastor Neal Locke officiated the wedding.

We Remember In Our Prayers:
Aidan Saucedo, who has fallen ill and is at the Children's Hospital awaiting diagnosis and treatment (requested by his teacher, Stephanie Gutierrez). Jody Rogers who is recovering from hip surgery and trying to regain strength; for Marjorie Benjamin and Mario Nunez (requested by Marilyn Benjamin); and for the Simants family as they prepare for their next trip abroad.

Our pastors, officers, and staff members stand ready to pray for your joys and concerns. If you would like prayer for you or someone you know, please fill out a brown prayer card and place it in the offering plate.

Prayer Chain
A thought on prayer from Christian author, C.S. Lewis:

The prayer preceding all prayers is “May it be the real I who speaks. May it be the real Thou that I speak to.”

Readings for Meditation and Reflection by C.S. Lewis

Prayer Chain requests for September: Seven.

If you would like a people-led prayer for yourself or others, contact Lindsay Green (584-2093).
**OCTOBER 11TH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Reformation Fair**
On Wednesday October 21\textsuperscript{st} from 5:30 to 7:00pm, we will celebrate our reformed heritage with an outdoor party—featuring Reformation-themed activities and games for children and families, booths, food trucks, roving minstrels, and a musical performance from our little reformers. You are invited to join us—either in reformation-era costume or just come as you are!

**Reformation Sunday**
Sunday, October 25\textsuperscript{th} we are excited to welcome back our former pastor, Rev. Roland P. Perdue III, and his wife Jane. Roland will be preaching at both the 9am and 11am services. The 11am worship service will also feature music from the Empyre Bagpipes and Drums, a brass quintet, and the Socorro High School Choir. Put on your best Scottish Tartan (plaid), join us, and invite your friends!

**Consistory Meeting**
Join us on Sunday, October 25\textsuperscript{th} following the Reformation Reception for our monthly Consistory Meeting. There will be an open forum where anyone can voice questions and concerns.

**All Saints Day**
Make plans to join us after the 11am service on November 1\textsuperscript{st} for lunch and a special performance of Sweeny Todd from our Scholarship Singers.

**Easy Way to Share Us With Your Friends**
We are working hard at "going into all the world" online. Recently we've added a Facebook Beacon that makes it easy to check in every time you are here. Your help is needed on spreading the word about our wonderful church community. Check in often at our website www.fpcep.org Follow us on social media and share what you love. Also find and follow us on Pinterest.com/fpcep and Facebook.com/fpcep.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**Do You Enjoy Beautiful Music by Our Choir?**
Support our Scholarship Singers and contribute to our 2015-2016 Choir Scholarship Fund.

We can all have a share—$5---&10—-$15—$20 or $25 MONTHLY PLEDGES make a difference towards our goal of $30,000 to underwrite the stipend given each student who sings in our Chancel Choir.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. Send to the Church office, place in the offering plate or give online. Designate all donations for the Choir Scholarship Fund.
Questions: Call Lindsay Green (584-2093) or Helen Edwards (581-4191) Thank you!

**Volunteers Needed for Three Events**
The Reformation Fair is on October 21\textsuperscript{st} from 5:30 to 7pm. We need volunteers to help Vanessa as stage hands and volunteers to set up and/or work the booths. Please speak to Hope Griffin if you would like to help or email her at hope@fpcep.org

The Reformation Sunday Reception is on October 25\textsuperscript{th} following the 11am service. If you would like to help with the fellowship following the 11am service contact JayDea. She is in need of 4 trays of finger sandwiches for the Reformation Sunday Reception.

FPC's annual Trunk or Treat will be held Wednesday, October 28, 2015 from 6 pm - 8 pm. Please join us for fun, food, games, and prizes! We need participants to decorate their "trunk" and fill it with goodies and participants to enter the "Pumpkin Decorating Contest" Sign up sheet located in the Robert Young Centre. We will see you on the 28th!-Stephanie, Cara & Hilda
COMMUNITY NEWS

Happy Birthday
We wish a happy and blessed birthday this week to: Michelle Gutierrez, Kristina Islas, Eugene Smith, Dalton Caldwell, Hayden Navarrete, Kara Falknor, Jean Uwagwu, Linda Black, Elvira Sperberg.

Zumba / Aerobics Classes
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 6pm in Room 204, led by Certified Zumba / Personal Trainer Luis Castro. Suggested donation of $3. You'll be motivated to get up & get moving. Join us for great, fun, cardio workout!

Scottish Folk Singer Jim Malcolm
Scottish Folk Singer Jim Malcolm is coming to El Paso, Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at the VFW Post812. Jim's beautiful voice and flowing guitar will transport you to Scotland for a heavenly evening. His wonderful storytelling and songs are entertaining for the young and old. To purchase tickets, please contact Mahrila Manning at (915) 525-0955 or mahrlamanning@elp.rr.com. Tickets are $20.00 each. Discounts for group ticket purchase available.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children
Sunday Mornings: (at 10:00am)
- Nursery (up to age 1) – Rm 104
- Pre-K (ages 2 & 3) – Room 107
- Elementary (ages K-5th grade) – Rm 201
Wednesday Evenings: (at 6:00pm)
- Children’s Choir! (K-6th)
- Geronimo! (5th-8th)
- Youth Group (9th-12th)

Youth (6th - 12th grades)
Sunday mornings at 10:00am in the Youth Room and other special, seasonal events as scheduled.

Adults
Book Study Class – Join us as we study The Bible Jesus Read- Why the Old Testament Matters by Philip Yancey, Sundays at 10:00am in the Conference Room, led by class members.

TED Talks Class – Short videos followed by discussion on the intersection of science, technology, culture & biblical values of Faith, Hope & Love. Sunday mornings, 10:00 in the Library, led by Frank Mayne.

Wednesday Night Book Study – A study about personality types using the ancient Enneagram system. Meets Wednesday Nights at 6:15pm in the Centre, co-led by Pastor Neal and Helen Edwards.

Adult Bible Study – a study of Paul's Epistles in the New Testament, led by Pastor Neal. Meets Wednesdays at 4:00pm and Sundays at 3:00pm (pick one). Childcare available upon request. Wednesday class meets in the Conference Room; Sunday class meets at various "off-site" locations (i.e. Hoppy Monk, Kenley's Coffee, Block Table & Tap, etc.). Call church office at 915-533-7551 for more information or to RSVP.
FPC LEADERSHIP

Staff
Rev. Neal Locke – Pastor
Hope N. Griffin – Director of Family Ministries
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Patty Herrera – Administrative Director
Vanessa Williams – Children's Ministries
Jay Dea Brownfield – Events & Membership
George Salas – Praise Band Leader
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Norma Armendariz – Housekeeping
Lois Holt – Organist Emerita

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THIS WEEK AT FPC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
9:00am: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:00am: Children's Bell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
10:00am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00am: Sunday School for all ages
10:00am: Nominating Committee
11:00am: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00am: Children's Bell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
12:30pm: Session (Conference Room)
3:00pm: Bible Study (Rulis’, 4176 N. Mesa)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
9:15am: Preschool Chapel
4:00pm: Bible Study (Conference Room)
5:30pm: Community Dinner / Cookout
6:00pm: Children’s Choir (K-6th grade)
6:00pm: Youth Group
6:00pm: Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:15pm: Enneagram Class (Centre)
7:00pm: Devotional Service (Sanctuary)
7:00pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
10:00am: Foundation Board (Conference Room)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
9:00am: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:00am: Children's Bell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
10:00am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00am: Sunday School for all ages
11:00am: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00am: Children's Bell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
12:30pm: Deacons Meeting (Conference Room)
3:00pm: Bible Study

FPC Office Hours
Monday thru Thursday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM
Friday, 8:00AM – 3:00PM

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US!