

We welcome you to our worship this morning at First Presbyterian Church!
We are glad you are worshipping with us. If you have questions about our church or about membership, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the church office at 817-573-2337 or visit us on our website www.fpcgranbury.org.

Our Worship, Work, and Life Together

We remember **Elaine Sparks** this morning and recall her life well lived, her gentle manner, and her friendship in this community of faith. As we witness to the resurrection, we offer prayers of comfort and peace for her family and those who loved her.

Beginning this week “**An Invitation to Sacred Space**” will be held on Thursday at noon only. We will not gather on Tuesday and Wednesday any longer. Please do join us for a time of silence and devotion in the sanctuary. Hope to see you Thursday.

Ron's Pharmacy will be at our church on Wednesday, September 23, to administer flu shots. The pharmacist will be in the Fellowship Hall from 4 until 5:30. If you desire a flu shot, contact Shanna in the church office and she will forward the paperwork to be filled out. If possible, please fill out the paperwork electronically to eliminate the need for handling paper onsite. For more information, see this month's edition of *The Bridge*.

Scriptures for Sunday, September 20, 2020
Ex. 16.2-15; Ps. 105.1-6, 37-45; Phil. 1.21-30; Matt. 20.1-16

~Please remember these friends in prayer this week. ~

Ed Smith	Winette Lovelady	Dave Barnett	Kathleen Moore
Mary Skinner	Eloise Pauli	Dee Holt	Stan Bowlin
J.D. Finlay	Jimmy Callahan	Donna Callahan	C.H. Tubbs
Libby Teitsma	Virginia Conner	Diann McHaney	

All those who are lonely and isolated, who are struggling with feeding and caring for their families, who have lost jobs and financial support and who are anxious for the future. Those who are ill with COVID and the healers and health care workers who care for them.

For our session and the ad hoc committee preparing a plan for how our congregation will move forward with reopening.

For the Nominating Committee as it does its important work for our church. Please give your prayerful consideration if you are contacted and requested to serve as a Ruling Elder.

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Granbury, Texas

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September 13, 2020

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Order for the Lord's Day

We Prepare to Worship God

Lord, hear; Lord forgive; Lord do.

Hear what we speak not; forgive what we speak amiss; do what we leave undone; that not according to our words, or our deeds, but according to your mercy and truth, all may work for your glory, and the good of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Maria Ware (1798)

Welcome/Our Life Together

A Moment of Silence in Remembrance — Elaine Sparks

Prelude “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Traditional English Melody

We Gather Around the Word

*Call to Worship

Our God is majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor,
and worthy of our highest praise.

Who is like the Lord?

Our God blew back the waters,
prepared a path through the sea,
and appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

Who is like the Lord?

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!

***Hymn 5** “God the Sculptor of the Mountains” *JENNINGS-HOUSTON*
(Previously Recorded)

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short, for your patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you. Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others? We keep track of wrongs, and cling to old hurts, rather than offering the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves. We strive to be more faithful, Lord; we want to be more loving. So, we kneel before you once again to ask for patience and grace. Transform us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us, until it flows forth from us through acts of love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon & Gloria Patri 581

*Sharing the Peace

The Lord offers us the peace of a forgiving heart.
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Proclaim the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 14.1-12

A Moment with the Children

Nancy Worcester

Second Reading

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Matthew 18.21-35

The Sermon

“Lessons in Forgiveness”

Drew Travis

Anthem

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Previously Recorded

Larry Shackley

*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.

We Give Thanks to God

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”)

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.

We Go in God's Name

***Hymn 754** “Help Us Accept Each Other” *BARONITA*
(Previously Recorded)

*Blessing and Benediction

***Postlude** “To God Be the Glory” William H. Doane

“We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.” (Romans 14.7-8)