

*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 **Madison Reed** this morning and celebrate Matty's life in this world and the world to come. We give thanks for his love of his family and of God's creation. We miss his friendship in our congregation. As we offer witness to the resurrection, we pray prayers of comfort and peace for Linda and his family and all those who loved Matty.

Join us for **“An Invitation to Sacred Space”** Thursday at noon only.

Next Sunday is **World Communion Sunday**. Details to come regarding our participation in this wonderful world-wide, ecumenical celebration of our unity in Christ.

We will be returning to regular office hours in October. The office will be open from 8:00 to 4:00, Monday—Friday, beginning October 5th. Please contact Shanna in the office or Brenda or Drew should you have any needs.

Scriptures for Sunday, September 27, 2020
Exod. 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps. 19; Phil. 3.4b-14; Matt. 21.33-46

~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	Shirley McDonald

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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17th Lord's Day after Pentecost

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Order for the Lord’s Day

We Prepare to Worship God

*Redeeming Sustainer—Visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us,
that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others,
but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name. Amen.*

Welcome/Our Life Together

A Moment of Silence in Remembrance — Madison Reed

Prelude “For the Beauty of the Earth” Kocher/Hayes

We Gather Around the Word

*Call to Worship

The world calls us to greatness.
God calls us to servitude.
The world calls us to self-love.
God calls us to self-less love.
The world calls us to the love of wealth.
God calls us to the peace of poverty.
The world calls us into death.
God calls us into abundant life!
Come, let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn 12** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *ST. DENIO*
(Previously Recorded)

*Prayer of Confession

*Lord, you sent your Son to live among us, to die at our hands, and to rise again
so that we might have eternal life. Jesus gave up his right to maintain his equality
with you and emptied himself out for the sake of us. We confess that we are slow to
empty ourselves for others. We often demand our own rights without consideration
of the other. We often fail to listen to one another; to seek to understand other view-
points. We strive to hold on to the things that we think elevate us, while allowing
our effectiveness in your Kingdom to wane. Forgive us, Lord. Free us from our own
self-deception so that we may experience the fullness of a life lived solely for you. It
is then that we will be able to truly glorify you and make a difference for others. We
pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

*Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon & Gloria Patri 581

*Sharing the Peace

The Lord of love exhibits for us true fullness of life.
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 Matthew 21:23-32
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

A Moment with the Children Nancy Worcester

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13
The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

The Sermon “Living in the Fullness of an Emptied Life” Brenda Church

Anthem “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Martin Luther

***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 730** “I Sing a Song the Saints of God” *GRAND ISLE*
(Previously Recorded)

*Blessing and Benediction

***Postlude** “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” Scholtes/Hayes

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5)