

Living Out God's Call to Joy and to Justice

Prayer requests -- Week of May 28

New and Recent Prayer Requests:

- Mac Williams, husband of Crystal Simpson and son-in-law of Lita and Bob Simpson, has been placed at the top of the transplant list to receive a new liver. He remained hospitalized in Houston while awaiting a suitable donor organ.
- Prayers of consolation for the family and friends of Lila Burns, sister of Debra Schneider, who died on May 23.
- Prayers of healing for Lou Helt who remains hospitalized at Edinburgh Regional following recent abdominal surgery and is not quite ready for visitors. The phone number for her room is 956-388-6219 or cards can be mailed to 1301 W. Ridge Road, Apt. 229; Pharr, TX 78577.
- Prayers of continued healing for Neil Kohl after recent hip replacement surgery. Neil can be reached by phone or text at 615-479-7646 or by mail at 1010 Lake View Drive; Mission, TX 78572.
- Prayers of healing and encouragement for Melinda Wright, who is dealing with health issues.
- Prayers of condolence for the family and friends of Teatsy Ann Farris, who died last month. Teatsy Ann served as the FPC church organist for 27 years.
- Sharon Willits, former member of FPC, is in rehab following a recent stroke. She and her husband Bob, who served as pastor at the Presbyterian church in Falfurrias, now live in West Virginia. Correspondence can be mailed to 316 Hazlett Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003.
- Mel Philips, brother-in-law of Kathy Garfield, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is determining what treatment options to pursue. Mel is married to Kathy's sister, Becky.
- Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for families celebrating graduations this month
 - Noah Griffin, grandson of Sher and Drue Wilkes, is graduating Magna Cum Laude from Memorial High School; he will attend Texas A&M in the fall
 - Ann and Ernie Williams –grandsons Evan and Trevor from UT; Austin, Christopher from high school in Fort Worth; Gavin from Memorial High School, McAllen (Gavin is the salutatorian)
 - Laura Turk, daughter of Tom and Tina, is graduating from Memorial High.
 - Please send other graduate names to fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com.
- Prayers of joy at Allie Garza's induction into the Junior National Honor Society at Alonzo De Leon Middle School.
- Estelle Davenport is at home at Brookridge, continuing to experience health challenges.

Prayer Request Updates:

- Gail Keyes is continuing to recover from recent back surgery.

On-going Prayer Requests:

- Jeff Schneider, brother of Doug and good friend of Sher and Drue Wilkes.
- Anna Finn, Mary Ellen Schneider's sister-in-law, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Prayers of safety and hope for the people of Cameroon as civil war continues there and violence escalates. The Tabali family has members still living in Cameroon, including Bernard's wife, Magdalen.

- Jay Travis, Ann Sahadi's son and Andrea Hudler's brother, diagnosed with ALS. He remains at home.
- Penny Brecht, a friend of Mary Lou and Lee Anderson, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- Sopphey Vance has continuing health issues.
- Roberta Harriff, Jack and Carol's daughter-in-law, being treated for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- Crystal Simpson
- Karen Ayers, Sher Wilkes' cousin, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers of patience and strength-building for Vinson McLeod as he deals with new mobility issues.
- Prayers for Emmanuel Tabali and his family as they settle into life in the Valley.
- Jim McLeod, younger brother of Vinson McLeod, High Hope Care Center in Brenham, Texas. Notes for Jim and his wife Mary Ann Wycoff can be sent to P.O. Box 160, Kenney TX 77452,
- Carl Walborg, son of Shirley Pippin's good friend Mary Ann Walborg, recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Connor Magee, Mark and Joyce Magee's grandson.
- Mary Ann Walborg, very good friend of Shirley Pippin, as she deals with health and cognitive issues.
- Victor Herrera, Ezequiel's brother, dealing with long-term health issues
- Cisco Villa, whom the church regularly assists, is in deteriorating health due to liver disease.
- The people of the *colonias*.

Calendar -- Week of May 28

- Saturday, June 3: Opera and Son Recital; 12:00 p.m.; FPC Sanctuary
- Sunday, June 4: Communion Worship Service; 10:30 a.m.; Sanctuary and Facebook Live
- Sunday, June 4 – Lunch Reception honoring Michael Pullen; 11:45 a.m.; Fellowship Hall

Calendar – June Special Events

- Sunday, June 11: Quarterly Birthday and Anniversary Celebration; 11:30 a.m.; Fellowship Hall
- Friday/Saturday, June 16-17: Stated Meeting of Mission Presbytery; San Antonio
- Saturday, June 17: Baby Shower for Julianne and Joe Garza; 1:00 p.m.; Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, June 25: *Bread for the World* "Offering of Letters" project; 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship Hall

Link for all FPC Zoom meetings: **WORSHIP IS NOW STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE, NOT ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86050357489?pwd=VkhqODg0NjlfS2VTSm91UFFOSjVjQT09>

Meeting ID: 860 5035 7489 Passcode: 912217

One tap mobile: +13462487799,,86050357489#,,,,,0#,,912217# US (Houston)

Link for Facebook Live streaming worship services:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=first%20presbyterian%20church%2C%20mcallen%2C%20tx>.

Life of the Church – Week of May 28

- **Sunday School** has begun a summer hiatus. If you have suggestions for curriculum for fall, please contact Lita Simpson (lita.mojicasimpson@gmail.com) or Pastor Kathy.
- **Space for God** has begun a summer hiatus and will resume in the fall.
- **Youth Fellowship** has begun a summer hiatus.
- The **Choir** has begun its summer hiatus and will resume weekly practice in the fall.
- **Sunday Worship** will move to the Fellowship Hall for the June 11, 18, and 25 services. Each week will feature a special presentation or activity including:
 - **June 11** – Checking in on Where We Are – a conversation about our congregation using a church consultation game of *Animal Farm*
 - **June 18** – TBA
 - **June 25** – *Bread for the World* “Offering of Letters” – an advocacy project in support of legislation to reduce hunger
- The Session has hired Brian Pullen to serve as our **Church Administrator**. Church office hours remain Monday through Thursday from 9 to 3, so stop by when you’re out and about to welcome Brian to the church staff.
- On Sunday, May 28, we received the **Pentecost Special Offering** of the PC(USA), which assists at-risk children and youth. <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/> Forty percent of what we receive stays with our congregation. If you have suggestions for how to use those funds, please contact a Session member or Pastor Kathy.
- The exterior **Parlor doors** are now key-entry only. If you have an access card for those doors, please dispose of it. To request a key for the exterior church doors, contact the church office.
- There will be a **lunch and reception** on Sunday, June 4 following worship to thank Michael for his years of excellent service to the congregation. The Fellowship Calling will provide BBQ, chips, drinks, and a cake. The congregation is asked to provide side dishes according to the quarter of the year in which your birthday falls – see the list below. However, couples may pick the quarter they prefer to determine what they bring, and if you have a salad recipe you’ve been wanting to prepare for a potluck, but your birthday falls in the rice/bean quarter – go ahead and bring the salad and we’ll hope there is a 2nd quarter person who really wants to bring a pot of pinto beans.
 - 1st quarter (January, February, March) – a rice or bean side dish
 - 2nd quarter (April, May, June) – potato salad, coleslaw, or other green salad
 - 3rd quarter (July, August, September) – other vegetable dish or fruit salad
 - 4th quarter (October, November, December) – slider buns or other bread

Life of the Church -- On-going

- On **Rally Day**, September 11, the CE Calling introduced the theme for this program year: ***Living Out God’s Call to Joy and to Justice.***
- There is a **Flower** sign-up board in the hallway near the church office for members to sponsor fresh flowers in honor or memory of a loved one on the first Sunday of a month.
- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** works with communities facing urgent need. Here is a link to their webpage: <https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources/list/?situation=hurricane-ian>
- **Church Office Hours** are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, or by appointment.

- The **Puentes de Cristo** website is up. Check it out to see all the great work that is going on: <https://puentesdecristo.org/> Caly Fernandez can use these supplies:
 - H-E-B gift cards, food, hygiene supplies, and especially diapers. Supplies may be brought to FPC during office hours.
- How to reach Pastor Kathy: fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com; 512-466-5662
- How to reach the church office: fpchurch@sbcglobal.net
- All mail for the church should be sent to P.O. Box 1029, McAllen, TX 78505.

Session Highlights – May Stated Meeting

- Interviewed Brian Pullen for the Church Administrator position.
- Reviewed previous approval for recitals in the sanctuary: May 21 for piano and voice students of FPC choir members and June 3 for Hannah Moreno.
- Discussed plans for the reception in honor of Michal Pullen on June 4
- Set June 16 as the date for the baptism of Charlotte Trevino, daughter of Krystal and Omar Trevino.
- Approved returning to key-entry only on the exterior Parlor doors, due to the cost of repairing the damaged card-entry system.
- Approved transferring \$25,000 from the Grace Funds Earnings account to compensate for shortages in receipts of tithes, offerings, and gifts.
- Approved using money from the Storm Fund to pay for repairs to the church infrastructure resting from the April 28th storm.
- Approved changing the date of Julianne Garza’s baby shower from July 16 to June 17, 2023.
- Elected Lita Simpson and David Rowland to serve as commissioners to the June Presbytery meeting.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

10 – Samuel Friedman	14 – Kyle Henry	18 – Estelle Davenport
11 – Sher Wilkes	Kathleen Maxson	Lindsey Schneider
12 – Laura Turk	16 – Bethann Freeland	Judy Suter
13 – Debra Schneider		26 – Meredith Ashlye Jenkins
		30 – Nadine Force-Macey

Anniversaries

Dan and Betty Bautista

Hugo and Nancy Pruneda (5/29/1976)

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 – Calista Garfield	11 – Erren Seale	
2– Kelly Flowers	Raymond Jenkins IV	21 – Van Talbert
8 – Barbara Flowers	12– C. A. Kelly	22 – Ricky Garfield
9– Lois Clark	19 – Shannon Leonard	Hugo Pruneda
Amanda Garfield	Nicholas Wright	26 – Victoria Montemayor
		27 – Allison Garza

Anniversaries

Jim and Kathy Collins

Cam and Kathryn Henry (6/1/1968)

Melvyn and Kathleen Maxson

Doug and Debra Schneider (6/24/1978)

Lectionary Readings for June 4 – Trinity Sunday

- **Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a**
- **Psalm 8**
- **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**
- **Matthew 28:16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for the Week: *African Canticle*

All you big things, bless the Lord
Mount Kilimanjaro and Lake Victoria
The Rift Valley and the Serengeti Plain
Fat baobabs and shady mango trees
Bless the Lord
Praise and extol God forever and ever.

All you tiny things, bless the Lord
Busy black ants and hopping fleas
Wriggling tadpoles and mosquito larvae
Flying locusts and water drops
Pollen dust and tsetse flies
Millet seeds and dried dagaa
Bless the Lord
Parise and extol God forever and ever.
Amen.

Source: *Earth Prayers from Around the World*; ed. Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon; p. 219