

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MCALLEN MAY 31, 2026



Global Orb

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Opening Sentences

- This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
- Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;
the world, and those who live in it.

Let us worship God together.

Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

GG #14

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Prayer of the Day

God of delight, your Wisdom sings your Word
at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet.
Invite us into your joyful being
where you know and are known
in each beginning,
in all sustenance, in every redemption.
May we manifest your unity
in the diverse ministries you entrust to us,
truly reflecting your majesty in the faith that acts,
in the hope that does not disappoint,
and in the love that endures. Amen.

Call to Confession

We are created in God's image,
and we are called good,
but too often our actions distort that image
and fail to reflect goodness in this world.
Let us confess our need for restoration.



Invitation to the Dance

Prayer of Confession

**Majestic God,
You have called us to live in peace,
but we turn to conflict and hatred.
You yearn for us to work together,
but we keep finding reasons
to dismiss each other.
Forgive us and show us a better way
to be your people, your body,
your church.**



A New Day

Words of Assurance

God knows who we were made to be
and acts to restore us
to ourselves, to each other, to community.
Friends, hear and trust in the good news of the Gospel:
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.
Thanks be to God!**

Act of Praise

Glory Be to the Father

GG #581

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.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord be with you all. / **And also with you.**

Time with the Younger Church

Life of the Church

Prayer for Illumination

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life.
Tell us who we are and to whom we belong
so that we may live with gratitude
for all that you have done. Amen.

Anthem

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

² you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ what are mere mortals
that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them.

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶ You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:

⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

Sermon

Jan Seale

Hymn

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GG #730

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God,
and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.

And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

Soaring Spirit



Prayers of the People –

Colorful Creator, God of mystery,
thank you for the artist teaching us to see
glimpses of the meaning of the commonplace,
visions of the holy in each human face.

Harmony of ages, God of listening ear,
thank you for composers tuning us to hear
echoes of the Gospel in the songs we sing,
sounds of love and longing from the deepest spring.

Author of our journey, God of near and far,
praise for tale and drama telling who we are,
stripping to the essence struggles of our day,
times of change and conflict when we choose our way.

God of truth and beauty, Poet of the Word,
may we be creators by the Spirit stirred,
open to your presence in our joy and strife,
vessels of the holy coursing through our live. (Ruth Duck)

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord has taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Invitation to the Offering

God's call to us
is woven into the very fabric of creation.
For God has given to us every good thing,
entrusting us to be stewards of all we have received.
With gratitude, let us share God's grace and love and fellowship
through the offering of our gifts.

Offertory

Act of Dedication Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow GG #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.



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Offertory Prayer

Gracious God,
we offer these gifts and ourselves
as instruments of your ever-new creation.
Amen.

Hymn

Arise, Your Light is Come!, v. 1-3

GG #744

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response

Arise, Your Light is Come!, v. 4

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Postlude

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