

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ALL: We believe in one God, Creator of all things. We believe in God's Son, Jesus Christ, who came to us with the full and final revelation of God's loving concern for us. We believe in the Spirit of God amongst us, driving and encouraging toward the New Creation. We believe in the power of faith, the strength of hope and the fire and spirit of love. We believe these things and pattern our life around these gifts. We believe in our life together. Amen!

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

Prayer after Communion

* **HYMN** "O God of Every Nation" #289

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

P: Go forth in the name of the Lord. This is God's charge: to give allegiance to Christ and to love one another as he commanded. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: Amen!

* RESPONSE

ALL: "May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep us forever. Grant us peace, perfect peace courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever. May the Lord, mighty Lord bless and keep us forever."

* **POSTLUDE:** *The Liberty Bell - John Philip Sousa (1854, Washington DC - 1932 Reading PA), arr. Joseph M. Linger (1871, Oconomowoc WI - 1941, Sturgeon Bay WI)*



The First Presbyterian Church (USA) of Alvin, Texas

*"...called by God and organized to share the
Gospel message of Jesus Christ in our
community and world."*

*Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
July 7, 2019 ~ 11:00 A.M.*

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. C.O. Magee	In order to support our Approved Budget the Income needs at least \$3993.75 per week or \$17306.25 per month
Choir Director:	Scott Gondesen	
Organist/Pianist:	Chris Lo	
Acolyte:	Andrew Hunt	
Lay Leader:	Ruth Frerking	
Elder of the Month:	Sheila Follmar	Income last week: \$1630.00
Sexton:	Sheila Follmar	Mon to Date (Jun): \$14266.14
Secretary:	Mandi Odom	Year to date: \$87534.32

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LIFE, WORK, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

CHIMING OF THE HOUR- LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE: *Meditation on "Promise" - Natalie Sleeth (1930, Evanston IL - 1992, Denver CO), arr. Brenda Portman (b. 1980, Grafton WI)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: God's name is great among all the nations.

L: Day and night around the throne they never stop singing:

C: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty.

L: Who was, who is and who is to come.

C: The earth is the Lord's and all that is within.

L: Let us worship the God of all!

C: Amen!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

ALL: O God of sunrise and sunset, let this be the hour of sunrise in our hearts, when all things are made bright and new. Drive away the shadows of discouragement and loneliness. Raise us up from beds of weariness and despair. Outfit us with joy and excitement for a new day when we shall walk in the way of Christ our Lord, in Jesus name we pray, Amen.

***HYMN OF ADORATION** *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"* **#564**

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us draw near to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: We admit to you Lord, on this July 4th week, that we are often distressed by the daily news: by the failure of nations to agree, for the mess we have made in our own nation: with greed, power struggles, dishonesty, untruths, disrespect, immorality and the list

*** Indicates worshipers are invited to stand in either body or spirit.**

seems to be endless. We are daily made aware of world hunger, war, crime, and human suffering. It becomes overwhelming. We confess it's difficult to see your presence in all this. Yet, we know you are here with us, giving us all we need to create a better world if we would just listen and act. Help us to be the "tree planted by the waters" as described in Psalm 1. Forgive our weakness and doubts. Help us to deepen our faith in you, Lord, who is Lord of all the nations. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(silent confessions)

"KYRIE ELEISON"

"You are the Lord, giver of mercy.

You are the Christ, giver of mercy.

You are the Lord, giver of mercy."

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. We have been forgiven by the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ who gave his life for our redemption and salvation. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

***PRAYER RESPONSE** *"Amen"* **#587**

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM: *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" - William Steffe (1830, SC - 1890), arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935, Winter Park FL - 2009, Amherst MA)*

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: *Prelude on "Sussex Carol" - William Rose (b. 1956, Ann Arbor MI)*

*** DOXOLOGY** **(JAMAICA FAREWELL)**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*** HYMN** *"My Country 'Tis of Thee"* **#561**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

EPISTLE LESSON: *Romans 7: 15-25A* *Pew Bible, p. 943*

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 11: 16-30* *Pew Bible, p. 816*

MESSAGE *"The Yokes On Him"*