

October 16, 2022

Fraud, Fake, and Formaldehyde Religion



Jesus unmasked the lack of heart in the law-abiding Pharisees. He is focused on what is inside a person, in the human heart. The Pharisee, in sharp contrast, is primarily concerned with external observance of rules and regulations, such as the ritual washing before a meal.

– Sacred Space

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

Rev. Jesse Mabanglo

Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

(re: Worship, Psalm 16)

Leader: Come, bless the Lord, in whom we find our refuge and safety.

All: You are our God; all the good things come from You alone.

Leader: Come, bless the Lord, who gives us a rich inheritance and surrounds us with abundance.

All: You are our God; our lives are in Your hands.

Leader: Come, bless the Lord, who guides us on the path to eternal life, whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

All: You are our God; we will not be shaken. Let's worship God together!

Songs of Worship

Here I am To Worship

O Come To The Altar

Prayer of Confession

(In Unison-MDPC, Houston, TX)

Gracious and compassionate God, You bless us with unfailing mercy, yet we have not followed You well. You call us to love, but we do not listen to You. You command us to serve, but we walk away from those in need. You direct us to worship, but we give our allegiance to idols. Forgive us, O Lord, and renew us.

Help us to live as new creations in You. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and confession)

Assurance of Pardon

(Beth Merrill Neel)

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived, and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace. Alleluia! Amen.

Offering

Please consider tithing during this part of the service, or use our website under the “Give” tab.

K through 3rd graders are free to head back to Kids Connection

Scripture

Luke 11: 37-52 (The Message)

Message

“Fraud, Fake, and Formaldehyde Religion” – Rev. Jesse Mabanglo

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Song of Sending

Stronger

Life In The Body (Announcements)

Benediction

*Nursery is available during the service for ages 0-5.

Worship Team: Emily Kyburz (vocals), Kyle Kyburz (instrumental), Becca Murphy (vocals/instrumental), Joshua Bishop (sound), Karla Clader (computer)

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The *Life* of First Presbyterian Church

Weekly Happenings

Sunday Oct 16	Monday Oct 17	Tuesday Oct 18	Wednesday Oct 19	Thursday Oct 20	Friday Oct 21	Saturday Oct 22
8:00am Adult Education (Room 13) 9:30am FPC Worship Service (Sanctuary) 6:00pm Youth Group (B.O.B)		7:00am Youth Bibles & Breakfast (B.O.B.) 11:00am Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)	6:30am Men's Bible Study (Room #7)	6:00am Men's group Jason Andress (Looney Bean) 9:00am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)		

Announcements

- Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to have you here with us today. Please fill out a welcome card. Once completed, it can be put in the offering plate or one of the donation boxes on the back wall of the sanctuary.
- The Sunday Adult Study on *Uncommon Decency: Christian Civility in an Uncivil World* continues to meet at 8 a.m. before worship in Room #13 (behind the Fellowship Hall). You are invited and encouraged to attend the class even if you have not gotten the book or have missed a class. Join the lively (and civil!) discussions.
- Starting this week, our church's prayer group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.
- A new membership class will start after worship beginning Sunday, November 6, and will meet for three Sundays. Please contact the church office to register. Current members are encouraged to attend as a "refresher" course.
- We received notification that Jane Murphy passed away this past Tuesday, October 4, 2022. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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