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## You're Invited to join the Summer Choir

Singing on Sundays from June 2 through July 28 the Summer Choir returns to offer inspiring anthems at the 11 a.m. service. Summer Choir is comprised of singers from high school age through adult. Singers of all experience levels are invited to participate. The Summer Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary and again from 10-10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. Summer Choir is great for those unable to sing throughout the year or who would like to try choir for the first time. If you are interested in the Summer Choir or have questions, contact the Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski (michaelw@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231).



## General Assembly Conversations

The Rev. Drs. Brian Coulter and Michael Waschevski will host a gathering on Tuesday, June 18 at 6 p.m. (refreshments provided) to preview items of business before the General Assembly as well as review the process for how General Assembly decisions are made.

On Sunday, July 21, at 5 p.m., Michael will host a post-Assembly gathering to learn of business that will be before the presbyteries for vote following their approval by the General Assembly. Young Adult Advisory Delegate (and First Pres FW elder) Lauren Stark hopes to be able to participate so that we can hear her insights into the deliberations and decisions.



## Reflections on Presbyterian Worship

The Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski will lead this summer series in which participants will engage the history of Presbyterian worship, the theology of our worship and sacraments, and contemporary worship practices in both the Presbyterian Church (USA) and American denominations in general. In addition to selections from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order, chapters from *Rhythms of Worship* by Stevens and Waschevski will frame each week's reflections. The class will meet on Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m. on July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

You may register for this course at fpcfw.org/adulted or by emailing Deneice in the church office (dallen@fpcfw.org).



## Summer Adult Church School

The Summer session of Adult Church School begins Sunday, June 2 and concludes Sunday, August 11. Classes meet from 10– 10:45 a.m. Three weekly options engage adults in on-going faith formation.

**Bible Study: Acts** *Led by Matt McGraw* 

**Faith and Music** Led by Laura Collins, Dr. Beverly Howard, Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski

**Faith and Film: The Chosen** Led by Dr. Steve Brotherton, Eric Varnon

For more information, please contact the Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski in the church office at michaelw@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231, ext. 229.

## Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

I hope you are enjoying our summer sermon series on favorite hymns of faith. Music has a distinct

way of communicating what we believe and articulating that for which we long. I've heard it said that singing is praying twice, and I find that hymns capture both our sincerest statements of faith and our most profound prayers for the world in poetic lyrics and moving melodies.

In our word-saturated world, lately I have rekindled a love for poetry. with its unpredictable rhythms and ample white space. This resurgence of interest was sparked anew by reading and speaking with Irish poet Pádraig Ó Tuama on a recent trip to Northern Ireland with a group of pastoral colleagues. His creativity with language especially around conflict and peace inspires hope and beauty in our fractured world. Poetry, like music, is praying twice. Ó Tuama says, "Prayer, like poetry - like breath. like our own names - has a fundamental rhythm in our bodies. It changes, it adapts, ... it sings, it swears, it is syncopated by the rhythm under the rhythm, the

love underneath the love, the rhyme underneath the rhyme, the name underneath the name, the welcome underneath the welcome, the prayer beneath the prayer."

Whether in poems or in hymns, may your summer be prayerful in the ways in which you worship, serve, forgive, and live. Or to quote a poetic Paul in Ephesians: "Be filled with the Spirit as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Keep singing and praying,

Robyn

PS. Also, thank you for the lovely gift of sabbatical this summer, part of which I will engage with poetry for spiritual nourishment. I will use the podcast and book *Poetry Unbound* with Pádraig Ó Tuama as a resource, and I commend it to you as well!

#### First Presbyterian Church's Session

## 2024 CLASS OF ELDERS

Mary
Elizabeth Austin
Sarah Clingman
Lillie Doze
Randall Johnson
Martha Newman
Ralph Reece
Claire Schmid
Dawn Shepard
Austin Stubblefield

### 2025 CLASS OF ELDERS

Brian Cunningham Jimmy DeFoor Mary Susan Farrar Vic Letbetter Linda Northern Lynda Richey Amy Ryan

## 2026 CLASS OF ELDERS

Julia Bradley
Al Comeaux
Emily Hadley
Jane Mathis
J.B. Smithson
Jay Stepp
Brian Wharry

### **Submissions**

Submissions for the next issue of the Penn Street Letter are due Wednesday, June 19.
Submissions for the weekly Penn Street Online emailed newsletters are due the Wednesday prior to each week's issue. Please send to Pam Burkholder at pamb@fpcfw.org.

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## Summer Enneagram Workshops

Learning who we are and what our potential could be is a lifetime journey that can be pleasant and painful. Delving into our emotions and our motivations takes focus, time. and work. Self-Work is serious, and it becomes Soul Work when done well, leading us into freedom and joy.

Three separate seminars are being offered this summer by the Spiritual Formation Work Group: Saturdays, June 15 and 29, and July 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You may take all three, as they are designed to build on one another. Or, if you are already familiar with your Personality Type, you may take only those that will stretch your growing edge.

Cost is \$15 and includes lunch (coffee and pastries offered from 8:30-9 a.m. for early birds). Register at fpcfw. org/upcomingevents

- June 15: Know Your Number.
- June 29: Growing into Your Healthiest Self.
- July 13: Growing Home The Spirituality of the Enneagram.

### Radical Hospitality at Work: Room in the Inn

Room in the Inn is a coalition of ecumenical churches who come together with the common goal of providing radical hospitality to individuals experiencing homelessness during the coldest and hottest months of the year.

The ministry began in Tennessee during the winter of 1985 when Father Charles Strobel opened the doors of his parish to individuals in the parking lot seeking sanctuary from the harsh elements. By the next winter, four more parishes had joined in the efforts, and continued to expand each year. It would become a ministry model for like programs in 36 other cities.

In 2007, Mary Sumner of Broadway Baptist Church, after reading about the program and visiting Nashville, engaged Ray and Corbie Brown of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in discussions about the program. They sought support from city leaders and other non-profits to bring Room in the Inn to Fort Worth. First Pres joined the efforts just two years later in 2009. The Day Resource Center provided many years of support to the program by screening and registering guests, and providing a central location for pick up and drop off. After a two-year break during the pandemic, True Worth picked up the mantle to connect churches with the guests they welcome.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Room in the Inn, providing needs through set up, drivers, meal providers, hospitality, laundry, inn keepers, and clean up. If you would like to be part of this team that provides so much more than just physical sustenance for our neighbors each week, July 8-August 26, contact Becky (bquick@fpcfw.org) to see where you can serve.



## Calendar Highlights

Below are some highlights of special events happening in June. For a complete calendar, visit fpcfw.org.

#### **SUNDAYS IN JUNE**

8 a.m. Worship in the Chapel 9 a.m. Worship in the Great Hall 10 a m Summer Church School Summer Choir Rehearsal 10 a m

Worship in the Sanctuary & Livestream 11 a.m.

1:30 p.m. Grief Support Group

#### **MONDAYS IN JUNE**

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Formula & Diaper Ministry at Community Crossroads 9 a.m.

10 a.m. Wellness: Tai Chi

#### **WEDNESDAYS IN JUNE**

11:30 a.m. Food & Clothing Ministry at Community Crossroads 11:30 a.m. Sack Lunch Distribution at Community Crossroads 5:30 p.m. WOW! Worship and Dinner at Community Crossroads

Summer Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.

#### THURSDAYS IN JUNE

11:30 a.m. Food & Clothing Ministry at Community Crossroads 11:30 a.m. Sack Lunch Distribution at Community Crossroads

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 2**

12:15 p.m. Honduras Trip Reflection Lunch

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 4-11**

Cuba Mission Pilgrimage Trip

#### **SATURDAY. IUNE 8**

Circles of Christ Circle Up for Coffee 9 a.m.

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

11:30 a.m. All Church Lunch 12:30 p.m. Pickleball Tournament

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

Enneagram Workshop: Know Your Number

#### **MONDAY-FRIDAY. IUNE 17-21**

9 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Elementary Music & Arts Camp 12 p.m.

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 29**

9 a.m. Enneagram Workshop:

Growing Into Your Healthiest Self

## Congratulations to First Pres' Graduating Seniors!



#### SARAH CLINGMAN

**High School:** Benbrook Middle-High school.

**Plans:** I will be attending Austin College in the fall, and I plan on majoring in Religion and minoring in Education.

**Favorite Memory:** While there are many, one of my favorite Youth Group

memories was the Civil Rights Pilgrimage Trip. It was one of the most incredible experiences of my entire life, and I am forever grateful that I went. In addition, having it be an intergenerational and partner trip with Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, allowed for me to make new friends and have meaningful conversations with them.

**Thank you:** Thank you will never be enough because of how much this church has changed my life. I would not be half the person I am today without the people and experiences that this church has provided me with. FPC will forever hold a place in my heart, and I will take the lessons I learned here to inspire disciples and engage the world.

**Encouragement:** A Bible story that has encouraged me during my time in middle and high school is the story of Ezekiel and the dry bones. (Ezekiel 37.1-5)



#### **CHARLOTTE COMEAUX**

**High School:** Fort Worth Country Day. **Plans:** I will be attending Davidson College in the Fall.

**Favorite Memory:** Wow, there are so many to choose from! My favorite trips have definitely been the Civil Rights Mission Pilgrimages, but I have also loved my SHYC

(Senior High Youth Conference) trip and the mission trip to New Orleans as well.

**Thank you:** Thank you all so much for your nonstop support! I have loved every second of my experience at this church and hope to stay involved with First Pres even when I'm off at college!

**Encouragement:** Jesus calming the storm.



#### **GRANT GARLINGTON**

**High School:** Paschal High School. **Plans:** I plan to attend Texas State in the Fall and study business and marketing.

**Favorite Memory:** My favorite trip was the last ski trip with all my friends, but every church memory is a favorite.

Thank you: I have found a second family

and some of my closest friends at church who have helped me become the man I am today.

**Encouragement:** "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." (Timothy 4.12)



#### REESE KENNEDY

**High School:** Trinity Valley School. **Plans:** I plan to attend University of Missouri and major in Sports Management with a business minor.

**Favorite Memory:** My favorite memories were from the Youth Group Ski Trip. Strengthening bonds with my church

friends and worshipping together in a beautiful place made it memorable.

**Thank you:** Thank you to my church family for teaching me and caring about me all these years.

**Encouragement:** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will act. (Psalm 37.5)



#### **LUKE MCCARTNEY**

**High School:** Timber Creek High School. **Plans:** I will be spending 7 weeks in Michigan this summer, playing in the World Youth Wind Symphony at the Interlochen Arts Camp. I will be attending TCU in the fall, where I will study saxophone performance and music education.

**Favorite Memory:** My favorite youth memory was when my dad and I went to "Kid Quake" together in 2016! We slept in cabins with bunk beds, played Ga-Ga Ball, sang songs, danced, went kayaking, tried canoeing, and sat around the campfire telling stories—it was awesome! My favorite Church memory was getting to play the saxophone in worship.

**Thank you:** My family has experienced some really hard times, especially in the last few years, and the church has helped us get through it together. I know we are part of a larger church family – through their incredible gifts of prayers, music, meals, hospital visits, cards, prayer shawls, help, support and love.

**Encouragement:** My favorite Bible verse is John 3.16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That was my grandfather's favorite verse too. My grandfather passed away the second week of my senior year of high school. My family chose to engrave John 3.16 on my grandfather's marker in the Columbarium at the National Cemetery. This verse will always hold special meaning for me, since it helps me remember him.



#### **EMILY PARKER**

**High School:** Colleyville Heritage High School.

**Plans:** In the fall I plan to major in nursing at the University of Tulsa.

**Favorite Memory:** My favorite youth group memory is going on the mission trip to New Orleans.

**Thank you:** Thank you to my family for your unwavering love and support, and to my church family for nurturing my relationship with God.

**Encouragement:** Exodus 14.14 says "The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still" which has continued to reassure me of God's plan and protection in times of stress and anxiety.

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#### KATE PARKER

**High School:** Colleyville Heritage High School.

Plans: I plan to major in exercise and sports sciences at The University of Tulsa in order to become a pediatric physical therapist.

**Favorite Memory:** My favorite trip was to New Orleans because I got to hang out with Sarah in the dorms and help out with RHINO.

**Thank you:** Thank you so much for making my childhood so incredible. It makes going away a little harder, but I know that everyone will continue to support me and my family.

**Encouragement:** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. (John 14.27)



#### **GRANT PIERCE**

High School: Trinity Valley School. **Plans:** I will be attending Auburn University in the fall. I am planning on studying biology.

**Favorite Memory:** My favorite youth memory is the ski trips. I enjoyed being with my church friends in a fun and relaxing

environment.

Thank you: Thank you to my church family for all the support you have shown me over the years. I remember the Day School, VBS, I know my Bible, Confirmation, youth group and ski trips as important times in my life filled with friends and wonderful mentors.

**Encouragement:** The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deuteronomy 31.8)



TRUMAN ROTH

**High School:** Trinity Valley School **Plans:** I will attend TCU and major in

Favorite Memory: Attending youth group and being with friends from so many schools and friend groups, and staying connected with the church and youth group

friends. It's provided an opportunity to serve others through many volunteer organizations. Probably the favorites have been Room in the Inn and Presbyterian Night Shelter. The ski trip was amazing.

**Thank you:** Being a part of First Pres Youth has given me a place where I always feel welcome and included. It's a lot of fun, but it's also a lot more than fun and games. Youth is like a church family, inside the larger church family. Josh has set a consistent example of kindness, patience and love for all. I want to thank him and everyone who has been there for me over the years.



#### **JUSTIN SAWYER**

High School: The Winston School. Plans: I am attending Austin College and plan to major in Art and Business and also play basketball.

**Favorite Memory:** My favorite memories with friends here were the trips to Mo Ranch for summer camp.

**Thank you:** I am especially grateful to Pat and Bill Gordon for their encouragement even when I was not being my most lovable self.

**Encouragement:** The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. (Psalm 138.8)



#### **BRAZOS STEWART**

**High School:** Covington.

Plans: Working this summer at Mo Ranch. Start Schreiner University Aviation program in

Favorite Memory: Ski trip!

Thank you: I would like to thank Josh. my fellow "Stewart" for supporting my long

distance church membership all these years. I finally made it. Jim Koss, the man, the legend. What can I say? I couldn't have asked for a better mentor, philosopher en vivo, guru of life.

**Encouragement:** Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but one who has a hasty temper exalts folly... (Proverbs 14.29)



#### **AVA STUBBLEFIELD**

High School: I.M. Terrell.

Plans: I am attending Trinity University, and I'm double majoring in computer science and

**Favorite Memory:** My favorite memory was spending my first lock in with the youth choir. and getting welcomed by all the older youth

members. They truly made me feel loved and welcomed, and made sure that I felt safe as I was new to the church at the time.

**Thank you:** I'd like to give special thanks to Ms. Laura and Ms. Becca. Both have supported me in my musical journey, as well as my day to day school life. I also want to thank Marcella Stark, my confirmation mentor who's always supported me and shown me what church family looks like.

**Encouragement:** Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God: I will strengthen you, I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (Isaiah 41.10)

## How Presbyterians Make Decisions: Introduction

During the next four weeks *The Penn Street Letter* and the *Penn Street Online* will feature a series of articles on decision making within our denomination - the Presbyterian Church (USA). The articles will include helpful material from *The Book of Order*.

These articles will provide concise, helpful information for those new to the Presbyterian tradition. They will also serve as a refresher for those who have been a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) for years. Understanding how decisions are made as well as how they are implemented recalls the often-comforting Presbyterian truism that "all things are done decently and in order." In times of change, thoughtful processes and orderly deliberations are a blessing for the community of faith.

Next week's article will describe the councils of the Presbyterian Church (USA): session, presbytery, synod and General Assembly. The article will highlight the election and function of commissioners to Councils, the role of seeking the will of Christ, interpreting scripture and the confessions, prayer, and discernment in decision making, and how votes are taken.

Week three will provide an overview of how the *Book of Order* and the *Book of Confessions* may be amended.

The final article in the series will focus on the role of individual conscience in living out decisions of a church council. How can/does a church council speak for individual members? How does the biblical instruction to exercise mutual forbearance play a role in times of disagreement?

Throughout the series, if you would like further information about Presbyterian decision making, please feel free to speak with your pastors.

In addition to this four-part series of articles in *The Penn Street Letter* and the *Penn Street Online* prior to the 2024 General Assembly, The Rev. Drs. Brian Coulter and Michael Waschevski will host a gathering on Tuesday, June 18 at 6 p.m. (refreshments provided) to preview items of business before the General Assembly as well as review the process for how General Assembly decisions are made. On Sunday, July 21, Michael will host a post-Assembly gathering to learn of business that will be before the presbyteries for vote following their approval by the General Assembly. Young Adult Advisory Delegate (and First Pres FW elder) Lauren Stark hopes to be able to participate so that we can hear her insights into the deliberations and decisions.



Each month we'll highlight First Pres staff team updates, including new hires, anniversaries, and more.

#### **WELCOME, NEW EMPLOYEES!**



**Jessica Mares** joined First Pres on May 6 as the part-time Dental Coordinator for the Salt & Light Dental Clinic located in Community Crossroads.

Jessica, a Fort Worth native with 20+ years of experience in the medical field, brings a wealth of experience and a passion for serving the community. Jessica and her

husband, Juan, have 5 children (4 girls and 1 boy).



**Will Tyner** joined First Pres on May 17 as the full-time Design & Media Specialist, working in Communications.

A proud graduate of Ole Miss, Will earned his degree in Integrated Marketing Communications. A self-proclaimed foodie, Will's an avid collector of books and movies. He is passionate about college

sports and as the oldest of 5, he deeply values family and connections.



**Lisa Clayton** joined First Pres on May 20 as the Summer School Lead Teacher.

Lisa, originally from Georgia, has lived in DFW for 14 years. She recently returned to school for her Masters of Fine Arts at UTA. Lisa's a proud single parent who adopted her 11-year-old daughter at the age of 3 and would like to eventually adopt

another child.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to **MaLinda Morehead** and **Patty O'Brien** on their new roles. MaLinda was recently promoted to the new full-time Program Manager for Community Crossroads and Patty is the new Senior Ministry Assistant!

#### **JUNE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

We celebrate the following members of our team on their years of faithful service with First Pres:

- June 1: LeJordan Fulton, Maintenance Technician, 1 year
- June 6: Paty Martinez, Assistant Teacher (2s), 2 years
- June 22: Ann Nielsen, Director of Children & Family Ministries, 4 years
- June 28: Mari Aguilar, Assistant Teacher (1s), 2 years

## Joys & Concerns

The following prayer concerns are those we have received as of May 22. In an effort to respect the privacy of those listed below, names are only printed once permission from the individual is obtained. Are you in the hospital or dealing with an illness? Let us know by contacting Parish Associate for Pastoral Care Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz or Parish Visitors Matt McGraw or Rev. Lynda Dinsdale. Let us keep the following persons in our thoughts and prayers this month...

#### With Joy, we Celebrate...

The birth of Nora Hinako O'Malley to **Kevan and Kyoko O'Malley o**n May 12. She joins big brothers **Alex and** Calvin and grandparents, Nancy and Patrick O'Malley.

The birth of Clay James Barnes on May 3. He is the grandson of **Kathi** and Raymond Daniel.

#### Our Loving Sympathy to...

Family and friends of Barbara Jiongo following her death. Surviving family members include her husband, Mike Jiongo; children: Meredith Qualls, John Jiongo, and Maddie Abbott; grandsons: Jackson and A.J. Qualls, Dutch Jiongo, and Charlie Abbott; brother and sisterin-law. Burch and Lisa Waldron: sister and brother-in-law, Beth and Craig Collins, and niece, Waldron Collins.

Family and friends of Freida **Rogers** following her death. Surviving family members include her husband, The Rev. Dick Rogers; daughter and son-in-law, Amy Marcum and Derrick Alvis; and granddaughter, Lily Marcum.

Family and friends of Shelley Malan following her death. Surviving First Pres family members include her sister **Sheri LaQuey** and brother-in-law, Al LaQuey.

#### Our Loving Thoughts and Prayers are with...

Pat Graham, Matt Miller, Martha Brooks, Nancy Gillis, Jackie Taylor, Jo Ann Johnson, Elizabeth McCartney, Elizabeth Richardson, Ronnie Sherwood, Capt. Rolf Tilley, Pat Richardson, Gail Davis, and Irene Howard, who are recovering from surgery or injury. We also pray for their caregivers.

Janelle Eklund, Liz Barber, John

Patterson, Henrietta Bailey, Larry Kinard, Amanda Deitz, Levi Deitz, Tad Delgado and parents Emily and Bryan Delgado, Ronnie Clinkscale, June Sprott, Fred Wilson, Frances Blake, Phyllis Propes, Chuck Sullivan, Susie Kuipers, and Karl Travis, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment. We also pray for their caregivers.

#### Our Caring Prayers for Extended Family include...

Jayne McFarland (First Pres Ministry Assistant), Bill King, Jr. (son of Bill and Glinda King), Lonnie Goolsby (father of **Kelle Tillman**), Lucy Redrow (daughter of **Leigh Ann and Grant Redrow**), Katie Loudon (sister-in-law of Jaci Travis), Michael Kibby (friend of Mary Brooks), Anja Dangelimer (family friend of Lauren Black), Claudia Masser (daughter-in-law of Carol Toombs), Peggy Moore (sister of Mary Brooks), Cameron Parmelee (granddaughter of Sally and Bob Parmelee), Jack Barber (son of Liz Barber), Andy Hedrick (brother of **Patti Bradley**), Jolie Paprskar-Mozingo (daughter of Joy Paprskar), Walter Williams (husband of **Rachele** Williams), Caleb James Baker (great-grandson of **Betty Tillman**), Terry James (nephew of Rachele Williams), Tahji Hoffman (great-niece of Rachele Williams), Paula Perkins (sister of **Susie Kuipers**), Audrey Hart (great-granddaughter of **Bob** and Jane Trask), Ann Welch (sister of **Andrea Frankenfield**). Nancy Hatfield (mother of **Sarah Haddock**). Lynn Prater (daughter of **Harlene** Satterfield): Bill Neil (uncle of Kenda, Nancy, and Ron Love), and John DeMore (son-in-law of June Sprott)

Prayers for the safety of Pape Russell (grandson of **Barbara Russell**), who is serving in the US Navy. Prayers for the safety of **Diego** A. Saldivar (son of Becky and Renee Saldivar), who is serving in the US Navy. Prayers for the safety of Nathan Gunter (nephew of Russell and Vivian Norment), who is stationed

We pray for safety and peace for those affected by conflict.

We pray for our mission coworkers: Cindy Corell in Haiti, Jed and Jenny

Koball in Peru, Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez in Manilla. We pray for our partner congregations: Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist in Fort Worth and for the congregations of Buen Pastor. Resurrection, and Cidra Presbyterian Churches in Cuba.

### Welcome, **New Members!**

Please join the Evangelism Work Group in welcoming these new members.



#### Thomas Elliston joined First Pres on Sunday, May 12. Thomas and his spouse leff Moss are members of the Chancel Choir.



Patty O'Brien joined First Pres on Sunday, April 28. Patty is the Senior Ministry Assistant at First Pres. She is a Ruling Elder and a lifelong Presbyterian.



Elia Sandoval ioined First Pres on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Elia is the office manager for Girls, Inc. and has been worshiping with us since January.



**Bailey Torcoletti** joined First Pres on Sunday, April 28. Bailey was previously on staff at First Pres and works in process safety for CTI Foods.



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