



*You are welcome here.*

*Our Vision:* Growing the Beloved Community  
*Our Mission:* Actively engage society, nurture lives,  
cherish creation, and heal the world

June 9, 2024

**WORSHIP** Sanctuary and livestreamed 11:00 am

**PRAYER *and* WORSHIP on WEDNESDAYS**

**MORNING PRAYER** McFarland Chapel 7:30 am  
**CELTIC EVENSONG** Sanctuary 5:30 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

**WORSHIP** An African American Church Service 10:00 am  
At Federal Park West Side  
Followed by refreshments and line dancing

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## *The Award Winning Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas*

Providing the skills and training essential for lifelong learning through the finest music education in the ancient boychoir tradition is the primary focus of The Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas. Founded in 1982 by current Artistic Director, William R. Adams, the organization started with 45 boys in one choir and currently, there are 65 boys in two choirs. Before the pandemic, there were 100 boys in four choirs. Performances before three U.S. Presidents, collaborations with named entertainers, major opera companies, and symphony orchestras have earned the Tour Choir the distinction as one of the premier groups of its kind. They have performed in numerous cathedrals and concert halls throughout the world and are in high demand for concert performances, weddings, conventions, and commercials. The Tour Choir earned the prestigious “Addy” award for television commercial excellence and was nominated for a national news Emmy in regards to their performance at the 2001 Christmas Pageant of Peace in Washington, D.C.

The Tour Choir’s recording of “Ode to Joy” from their Heavenly Euphoria CD was featured on the soundtrack of the 2020 Polish movie “Hejter.” In addition, the choirboys performed six songs for the soundtrack of the video game Wasteland 3, released internationally in August 2020 to wide acclaim. Last Spring 2023, they collaborated with country music artists Bill and Kim Nash on the song “This Little Light of Mine,” which has also been nominated for an Emmy.

They have self-released ten CDs and tapes including As Long As I Have Music, Christmas Is A Feeling, Batteries Not Included, Live From Denmark, We Are One, Live ... On Tour, United In Song, Stand Up And Bless The Lord, Great Day! and Explore, Dream, Discover. Our 35th anniversary release, Heavenly Euphoria, is available digitally through iTunes and Amazon. The Tour Choir is also featured in The Joy of Christmas, a 2016 holiday CD release by Jaime Thietten, a Christian Music Artist. This CD is available at [www.jtmusic.net](http://www.jtmusic.net).

The choir organization maintains its high level of music excellence by providing young boys with a supportive and positive environment that instills self-discipline, team effort, and a diligent focus on their choir commitment through the finest music education. These skills give our boys the confidence and maturity needed in the transition of young boys into young men. As you hear them sing, remember that these are ordinary boys who are challenged and rewarded by excelling at something that engages their hearts as well as their minds. They serve as role models of purposeful work and high achievement for other children. For adults, they are inspirational reminders of human possibilities.

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Alleluia* From “Laudate Jehovam”

Georg Philipp Telemann(1681-1767)

*Be Joyful*

Jean Baptiste Lully(1632-1687)

ed. Patrick Libergen

Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas

William R. Adams, Founder/Artistic Director

## WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mary Kuhns

‡ *Please stand, as you are able.*

## ‡ HYMN 436

***God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us***

## ‡ CALL to WORSHIP

***(bold in unison)***

Thom M. Shuman

[lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

All around us, God is looking for folks  
who will join us serving others.

**It is as if God is planting seeds of compassion in us,  
watching for them to bloom in our lives.**

In our midst, Jesus is walking among us,  
tending our hearts, watering us with grace.

**It is as if Jesus is trusting that our souls  
will grow big enough to welcome everyone.**

From morning to evening, the Spirit is at work,  
gently tending this garden called life.

**It is as if the Spirit has found the perfect spots  
to bring forth crops of justice and peace.**

*Please be seated.*

## OPENING PRAYER

*(bold in unison)*

God the Holy Spirit,  
You are the restless breath of love that sweeps through the world.  
You move where you will, breaking down barriers,  
Stirring hearts to change, making all things possible.  
Inspire each one of us to hunger and thirst for justice!

**Come, Spirit of God,  
Sweep through our world bringing great change.  
May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly,  
So all may share in the rich blessings of your creation.  
And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living,  
So that we may act justly, love mercy,  
And walk humbly with you all the days of our lives.  
Amen.**

## MINUTE *for* MISSION

Donna Fleetwood

Afghanistan has always been one of the most dangerous places in the world for a woman, even more so now that the Taliban is in charge. There is a local non profit that has been quietly getting young women out of the country so they can continue their education and escape the violence. The CEO of the organization recently reported that some of the girls they were trying to get out were kidnapped as they were walking in secret to an English class. One was returned for a ransom and had been beaten badly in the face, and her arm broken. Some of these girls become Taliban brides and some are never heard from again. The local nonprofit currently has 29 high school and college students cleared to get out as soon as money is raised. Time is of the essence and if you would like to donate, you can do so through FPC, with a check or online. Please write Afghan Students in memo.

## *HEARING*

### SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 12:14-26(NRSV)

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Liturgist:                    The Word of God for the People of God.

**People:**                                    **Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

American Hymn Tune

John Dykes (1823-1876)

Reginald Heber (1783-1876)

arr. William R. Adams and Sara Ward

Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas

William R. Adams, Founder/Artistic Director

### MESSAGE

Coming Together as One

Janis Chitwood

## RESPONDING

‡ HYMN 816

*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Cantate Domino (Sing to the Lord)*

Linda Farnell

Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas

William R. Adams, Founder/Artistic Director

‡ HYMN 607

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Sing words that are meaningful for you.*

‡ PRAYER of DEDICATION

by David Kosobucki

*(in unison)*

**Let us remember those seeds of love, hope, grace, and peace which we carry in our hearts and souls, as well as our wallets and purses, so that in remembering, we would offer them to our God for use in the work of reconciliation and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

*We pray for:*

Joy Ice

George Packard

Bill Belong (friend of Dennis Sanderson)

Ani Pitts (friend of Dennis Sanderson)

Shelley and Joey Archuletta (cousins of Pauline Toevs)

Gayle Green and her family (friends of Madeleine Wright)

Mary Ann and Greg Edwards (friends of Leah Pallman)

Ona Larson Malleck (sister of Lelah Larson)

Elaine Lea (mother of Leah Paalman)

Simon Bredbeck (great nephew of Janis Chitwood)

Carolyn Bell (mother of Rebecca Hodges)

Daniel Weir (son of Heather Weir)

Evan Hollingsworth (great nephew of Chris Haynes)

Mary Lou Williams

Mary Black

Maurice Trimmer

Sara Romer

Dorothy Karayanis

Harriett Barber

Chuck Poitras

Jennifer Elliott

Steve Kinnett

Ingrid Lincoln

Teresa Bremer

Melissa Mitchell

Bruce Rolstad

*And we pray for our ministry partners:*

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis

Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith  
Sagua la Grande Church, Cuba

**LIGHTING of PRAYER CANDLES**

*You are invited to come forward to light a prayer candle.*

*O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg

Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas  
William R. Adams, Founder/Artistic Director

*We pray for people and places, silently or aloud, and respond together:*

**May they know the deep peace of Christ.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME**

‡ **PASSING of the PEACE**

‡ **HYMN 643**

***Now Thank We All Our God***

‡ **BLESSING**

by John Philip Newell

***(in unison)***

*We bless one another:*

**In body, mind, and spirit, may you be well this day.**

**And may you be strong for the work of healing in the world.**

‡ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mary Kuhns

**POSTLUDE**

*Cantar!*

Music and Text by

Jay Althouse

Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas  
William R. Adams, Founder/Artistic Director

## Serving Today

## Worship Coordinators

Officiant:	Rev. Dr. Mary Kuhns	Worship & Music:	Diane Buchanan
Liturgist:	Keith Kirby	Ushers:	Allen Gullede
Organist/Music Director:	Dr. Linda Raney	Liturgical Arts:	Karin Lerew
Assistant Organist:	David Solem	Communion:	Alice Tinkle and Jean Withers
Assistant Choir Director & Cantor:	Travis Bregier	Outreach:	Betty Jones
Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas			

## ELDERS SERVING IN 2024

Rick Andrew	Kathy Harris	Melissa Mitchell	Tom Tindall
Barry Bruner	Elizabeth Hook	Gary Murphy	Madeleine Wright
Sharon Eklund	Dick Lindahl	Juanita Thorne-Connerty	Judi Haines, Clerk
Mary Gullede	Janice Mayer		

## DEACONS SERVING IN 2024

Alvin Baca	Harry Heflin	George Parr	Kelly Truesdell
Bruce Black	Christina Hill	Carol Schneider	M'lea Walsh
Bruce Goslin	Sharon Marrs	Gary Schneider	Heather Weir
Leslie Goslin	Tom Mott	Ellery Truesdell	Mary Norris, Moderator



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## WEEKDAY SERVICES AND MEETINGS

(Zoom links in eNews)

### Monday

#### **Mission & Social Justice**

3rd Monday, Pope Hall, 5:30-6:30pm

#### **Religion & Science**

1st & 3rd Mon on Zoom, 7-8:30pm

### Tuesday

#### **Prayer Shawl**

1st & 3rd Tues, Rendon Room, 10am-Noon

#### **Deacons Meeting**

2nd Tuesday, Pope Hall, 1-3pm

#### **Ukulele Group**

Pope Hall, 5:30-7:00pm-on hiatus until  
Aug. 6th

### Wednesday

#### **Morning Prayer**

McFarland Chapel, 7:30-8am  
contemplative, prayers, liturgy from  
the Book of Common Worship

#### **Chancel Choir Sectional**

McFarland Chapel, 4-5pm

#### **Celtic EvenSong**

Sanctuary, 5:30-6pm  
Iona Abbey songs and liturgy, communion,  
weekly themes throughout the month

#### **Session**

3rd Weds, McFarland Chapel, 6:30pm

### Thursday

#### **History Committee**

10am, Work Day, Archive Room  
1st Thurs, 10:30-11:30am, Meeting,  
Volunteer Room

#### **Bell Choir**

McFarland Chapel, 4-5pm

#### **Chancel Choir**

Sanctuary, 5:30-7:30pm

### Friday

#### **Bible Study**

on hiatus until Fall  
11am-Noon, Rendon Room & on Zoom

#### **TGIF Concert Series**

Sanctuary, 5:30pm  
eternal Summer Symphony Orchestra

### Saturday

#### **Prepared by Men Breakfast**

2nd Sat., 8am, Pope Hall-on hiatus until Sept.

#### **Spanish Bible Study**

1st & 3rd Sat, 9-10am, Pope Hall C

#### **Circle of Friends**

2nd Saturday, 10am, on Zoom  
Contact Jan Charter for Zoom link