

175 years is a long time! To make it this far, we must have done something right. First Protestant is beneficiary of generations of God's faithfulness: it is up to us to maintain that legacy of faith and to pass it on to those who follow. Historical integrity matched with spiritual intensity makes impact for eternity.

"Milestone or Millstone"

Joshua 4:1-8, 19-24
Rev. N. Stan Hankins

Introduction:

1. Meaningful markers
2. Famous piles of rocks
3. Cold Hard Facts:

1. They had to Go Back and G_____ the Rocks

- A) Enthusiasm and Momentum: Stop!
- B) Fear of water
- v 10 & 18 "Ark of the Covenant"
- Either interpret reality by Circumstance or God's Word
- C) Takeaway: **"The Inconvenience of Obedience"**
Get O_____ it.

2. They had to C_____ the Rocks

- A) Sizable stones ... to Gilgal
- B) Tradition can be cumbersome
- Tricky Tradition:
Fine line:
What Anchor us - and - What Shackles us
- Sacred Cows
- C) Takeaway: **"The Imposition of Tradition"**
D_____ with it.

3. They had to E_____ the Rocks

- A) v 6-7, 19-24
- Intergenerational
- Match: Historical Integrity & Spiritual Intensity
- B) v 24 Two Fundamental Realities of abiding faith:
 - a. Experience: *"That you may fear the Lord"* Purity
 - b. Expansion: *"That all peoples may know"* Proclamation
- C) Takeaway: **"The Obligation of Proclamation"**
Just D_____ it.

Conclusion:

A time to pause and reflect: a time to carry on!

Announcements



We at FPC are extremely concerned for our senior members during the Covid19 spread. We are in the process of contacting our members who may need assistance with grocery delivery, prescription pick up, etc. If you need assistance please call the church office, 609-7729 x10, and Melanie will get the message to the proper place. If you are interested in helping with phone calls and/or other needs, please contact Jill Rodriguez, jill@firstprotestant.com, 609-7729 x13 or 512-665-3762.

Executive Minister Reverend Phil Brown is on sabbatical leave until July 19th. Please lift him in prayer for this season of professional growth and personal renewal. The staff stands ready to serve the congregation in ministry.



We have begun sending out Daily Updates about the church services and activities. We're working on updating our member emails, so if you're not receiving this, please call Melanie in the church office at (830) 609-7729 X 10 or email melanie@firstprotestant.com



Due to health concerns for the public, activities for the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the city of New Braunfels and First Protestant Church, have been postponed until Early Fall, 2020.

Calendar and Daily Bible Reading

All mid-week activities are cancelled this week. Please check the website, www.firstprotestant.com for updates.

Mon 3/23/20 ~ Numbers 36:1- Deut 1:46; Luke 25:29-6:11; Psalm 66:1-20; Proverbs 11:24-26

10:00 am Staff Devotion/Prayer/Staff Mtg - Conf. Room

Tues 3/24/20~ Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29; Luke 6:12-38; Psalm 67:1-7; Proverbs 11:27

Wed 3/25/20~ Deuteronomy 4:1-49:15; Luke 6:39-7:10; Psalm 68:1-18; Proverbs 11:28

Thurs 3/26/20~ Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25; Luke 7:11-35; Psalm 68:19-35; Proverbs 11:29-31

Friday 3/27/20~ Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20; Luke 7:36-8:3; Psalm 69:1-18; Proverbs 12:1

Saturday 3/28/20 ~ Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22; Luke 8:4-21; Psalm 69:19-36; Proverbs 12:2-3

Sunday 3/29/20 ~ Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32; Luke 8:22-39; Psalm 70:1-5; Proverbs 12:4

If you would like to print out the One Year reading program in large print, go to: https://www.oneyearbibleonline.com/readingplan/oneyearreadingplan_month_per_page.pdf

**No Public Worship Services
Live Streaming on our website:**

www.firstprotestant.com

9:00 Traditional Service

10:30 Contemporary Service

This Sunday

This week's radio broadcast is given to the Honor and Glory of God by the families and friends of First Protestant Church.

Next Sunday, March 29, 2020

As per health guidelines, public worship is cancelled until further notice and live streaming will be available on our website, www.firstprotestant.com, 9:00am Traditional and 10:30am Contemporary. Click on the Traditional or Contemporary Stream button. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office, (830) 609-7729 X10. The office will remain open for regular hours, until further notice.

Worship

Prelude

"Nun danket alle Gott" – setting, Albert L. Travis

Welcome

Opening Hymn #547

"The Church's One Foundation"

Invocation

"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" ~ Felix Mendelssohn
FPC Vocal Ensemble

Hymn #98

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture Reading

Joshua 1:4-8, 19-24

Anthem

"Jesus bleibet meine Freude" ~ J. S. Bach
FPC Vocal Ensemble

Message:

"Milestone or Millstone?"
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Closing Hymn #92

"The Solid Rock"

Blessing

Postlude

"Prelude and Fugue in F Major" ~ J. S. Bach

FPC Vocal Ensemble

Catherine Clarke, soprano | Audrey de la Cruz, mezzo soprano

Benjamin Ruiz & Christian de la Cruz, tenor | Joshua Arguelles, baritone

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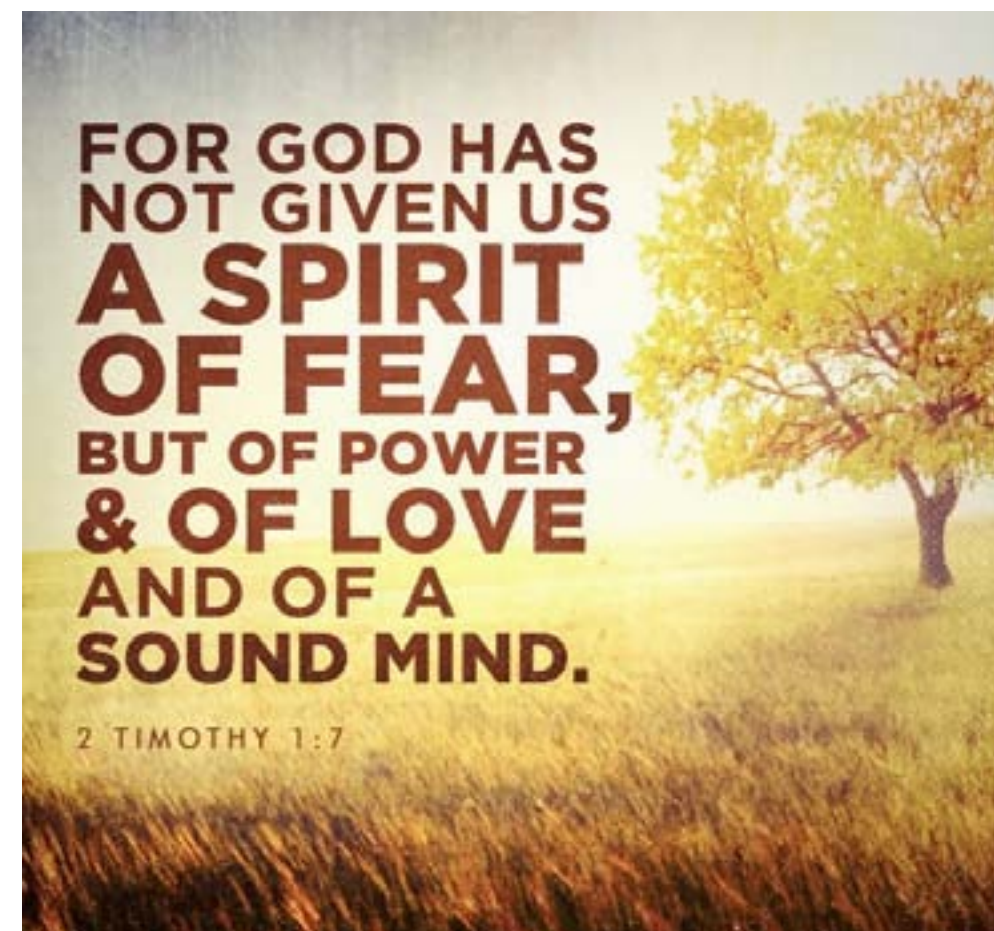
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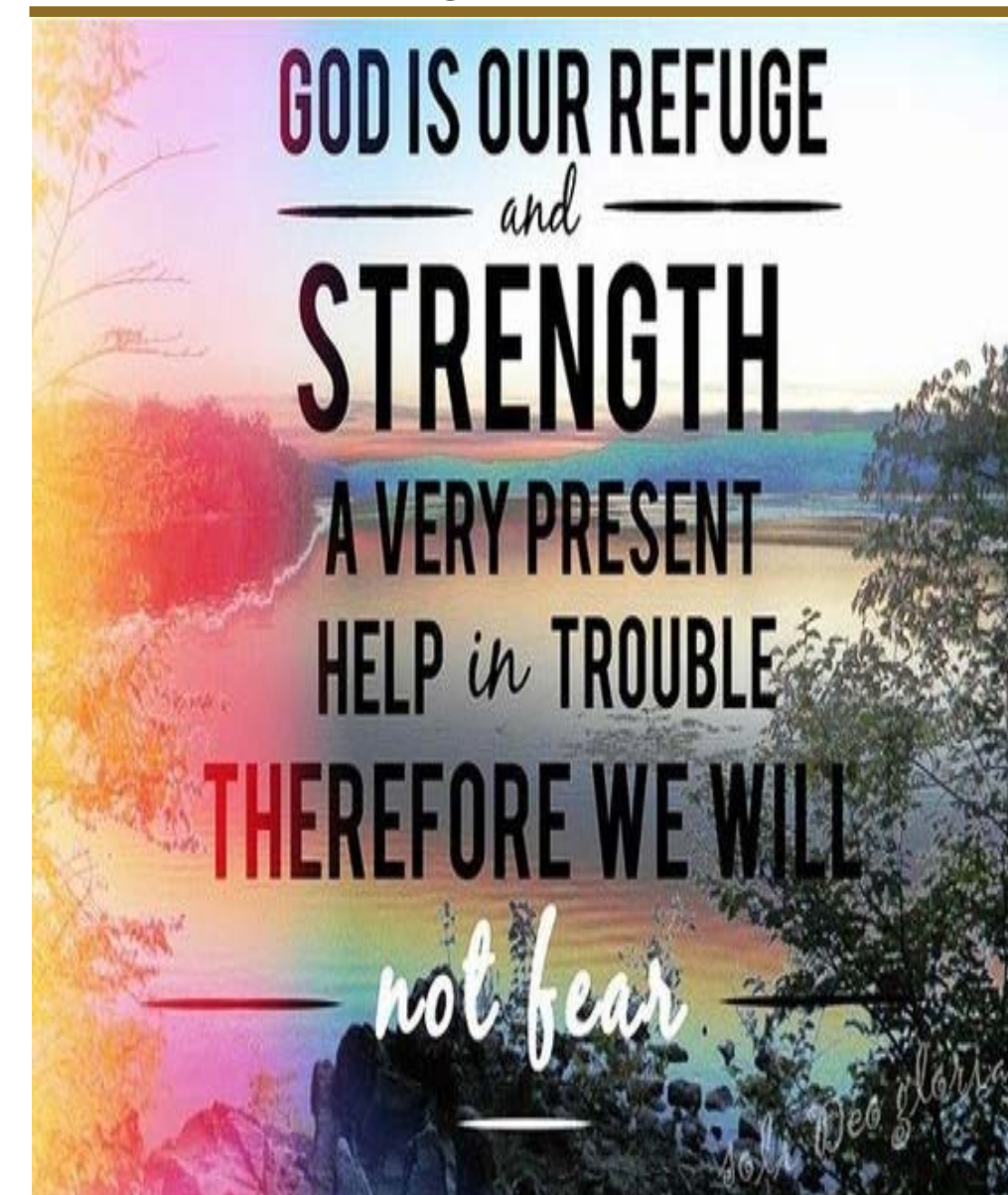
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*Where Everybody is Somebody
And Jesus Christ is Lord*
March 22, 2020
Traditional Worship Service
9:00am



**Please stand if you are able*