

Morning Worship Service

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

The purpose of this sermon will be to emphasize that our sins of omission are just as deadly as the sins we intentionally commit.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* Fred Bock

INTROIT *Softly and Tenderly* arr. Timothy Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as the people of God, filled with reverence and with a special kind of joy, because

People: Our God reigns through love and hope.

Leader: In our coming together, there is a Spirit that connects us and bonds us to one another in fellowship, for

People: Our God reigns through love.

Leader: There is no better thing we can do with ourselves and our time than to worship with a sure confidence that

People: Our God reigns.

Leader: So here we are, the people of a faith-community, who join in service, song, and prayer, to worship

People: Our God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for Yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in You. Give us purity of

heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in Your light we may see clearly, and in Your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught his disciples this prayer we now join together in praying...

Unison: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSON

Leader: Despite our best efforts, we find ourselves succumbing to temptations, and our sin is ever before us. Still, God loves us and offers us forgiveness and absolution of our sin if we truly repent. So let us come before God with penitent and contrite hearts, confess our sin and receive God's forgiveness. Let us pray.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and against our neighbors, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. Forgive them all, O God, our sins of commission and our sins of omission. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Psalmist reminds us, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him, as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us." Amen.

***RESPONSE – No. 579**

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

arr. Mark Barnard

See insert for text, St. Francis of Assisi

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 16:14-15a, 19-31

(Tuesday's Bible Study Scripture: Luke 17:5-10)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

UNISON PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen. (Based on: I Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9; Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28)

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

What an honor and privilege it is to come before God and offer to Him our various gifts and offerings. As we do so, let us give with a generous and cheerful heart.

OFFERTORY

Be Thou With Me

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY NO. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, from whom all good gifts come, accept our offerings today, meager or generous, and multiply their good for Your use and the work of the church for which Christ died. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

The Church of Christ in Every Age
(See insert)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Bishops' Promenade

Norman Coke-Jephcott

*Congregation standing as able.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary and streaming on YouTube
10:00 A.M. Sunday school
11:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary and streaming on YouTube
5:30 P.M. Youth

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

2:30 P.M. CASA
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
11:00 A.M. Bible Study, Sistahood Room, Luke 17:5-10
2:30 P.M. CASA
5:30 P.M. Guatemala Water Mission Meeting, Session Room
7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

2:30 P.M. CASA
3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg, Stewart Clayton Room
5:05 P.M. Tower Ringers
5:30 P.M. Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:00 P.M. Adults, Faithbuilders & Youth
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn
2:30 P.M. CASA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

12:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting
2:30 P.M. CASA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 A.M. Helping Hands Food Pantry

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Are you looking for a church home? If so, please speak to our minister following worship.

As a courtesy to those around you, please turn off or silence cell phones and personal communication devices.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers. You may also view the bulletin by visiting our website at www.firstprestupelo.org. See the “Bulletin” link at the top of the homepage.

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Presly Thornton Wallace, Jr. by Robin and Cindy Faucette.

Nursery care is available for newborns through four-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time.

After the 11:00 Children’s Sermon, preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to attend **“Wee Kirk.”** This is a time of fun childcare with age appropriate songs and games. However, all children are welcome in worship! If you excuse yourself and your child, you can hear the service over speakers in McFadden Hall (directly behind the Sanctuary).

Ritual of Friendship—Members and Visitors: Please sign the black attendance register every Sunday and pass it down your pew. Please read the names, greet one another, and meet new members and visitors.

We care about you as we care about each other. If you would like to submit a prayer request, you may use the blue cards in the pews or in McFadden Hall, and our pastoral staff and prayer partners will pray for you.

The service is live streamed and available for viewing on YouTube.com by those unable to be with us this morning. Search *firstprestupelo*. We also invite you to visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

Leading the worship service today: Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris
Liturgist: 9:00-Rick Jones 11:00-Doyce Deas

Greeters: 9:00-Janice & Mark Reynolds, Jim & Hudson Fisher
11:00-Frances & Dan Brasfield, Michelle Hutto, Debra Robison

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Will White and Katie Pitts, who were married September 24. Will is the son of Theresa White.

You are invited to join the adult Bible study that meets each Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. in FPC’s Sistahood classroom. This study is led by Taylor Todd, and all are welcome. The scripture for this week is Luke 17:5-10.

If you are over 21 and would like to assist in the 2023 Guatemala mission opportunity, please attend the organizational meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 27, in the Guatemala Room at FPC.

Join our team to assist at Helping Hands Food Pantry on Saturday, October 1, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The team will help stock shelves and bag groceries for neighbors in need. Children are welcome. Helping Hands Food Pantry is located at 314 South Church St., Tupelo, and is an extension of First United Methodist Church of Tupelo. Contact Rick Jones, 662-213-1520.

Be sure to join church friends and our visitors for supper and fellowship at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September, 28. The menu: Marinated Pork Tenderloin, Fried and Grilled Chicken Tenders, Homestyle Green Beans, Sweet Potato Casserole, Tater Tots, Congealed Salad, Rolls, Full Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Mississippi Mud Cake, Chilled Banana Pudding, Blackberry Cobbler with Ice Cream, Lemon Crunch, and Chocolate Chip Cookies. Sign up by Noon on Wednesday by using the link in Friday's newsletter, calling the church office at 662-842-5681, or emailing frontdesk@firstprestupelo.org. Wednesday night programs for adults, children and youth begin at 6:00 P.M. Adults can join us this week for Trivia Night! All programs conclude at 7:00 P.M.

Meals on Wheels is having a yard sale from Wednesday, September 28 through Friday, September 30 at Traceway Manor in Tupelo. If you would like to donate items or need more information, call Ashley McDaniel at 662-231-1614.

Save The Date! Fall Festival returns to FPC on Wednesday, October 26, from 5:30 until 7:00 P.M. Family fun for all ages! **We need cakes!** All types of cakes are needed for the Fall Festival. If you are able to contribute a cake, please see the signup information on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

Operation Christmas Child 2022 will be underway from Sunday, October 16 until Sunday, November 6. Volunteers are needed to help with sign-up on Wednesday nights (5:30 P.M.-7:15 P.M.) and Sunday mornings (9:30 A.M.-11:15 A.M.). If you can help, please contact Aubre Wells at 662-213-4199 or Lee Herman at 662-397-1221. Thanks so much!

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatments: Mollie Gratz, Sam Pace, Julie Seiler

Homebound: Mike Black, Bobbye Carsten, Carolyn Gaston

College Students: Henry Seiler, Ivy Wells, Lucy Wells

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$16,837

Amount Received 9/18/22: \$17,937

YTD Budgeted Income: \$689,096

YTD Income Received: \$714,726

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 9:00 A.M.: 40 11:00 A.M.: 121

THE SESSION

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Moderator
Clerk of the Session, Lisa Nichols

Class of 2023

Kirk Biddle
Susan Boone
Amy Fagan
Mitzi Moore
Aubrey Patterson, Jr.
Grayson Robbins
Debra Robison

Class of 2024

Kim Burleson
Cindy Faucette
Leslie Geoghegan
Michael Gratz Jr.
Chauncey Godwin
Alice Rogers
Charles Reece

Class of 2025

Richard Hastings
Trey Leeke
Lucy Nash
Chris Rogers
Mary Stubbs
Glenn Thomas
Presly Wallace

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Interim Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education
Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music
Dr. Ray Harris, Organist
Seth Shelnut, Audio/Visual Technician
Danielle Frerer Ratliff, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs
Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian
Helen Curtis, Church Secretary
Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary
Debbie Merritt, Receptionist
Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent
Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

Our Cities Cry to You, O God

Margaret Clarkson

Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Our ci - ties cry to You, O God from out their pain and
 Yet, still You walk our streets, O Christ! from We know your pre -
 Your peo - ple are Your hands and feet to serve Your world to -
 O heal - ing Sav - ior, Prince of Peace, sal - va - tion's source and

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strife; You made us for Your - self a - lone but we choose al - ien
 here. Where hum - ble Chris - tians love and serve in god - ly grace and
 day. Our lives the book our ci - ties read to help them find Your
 sum. For You our bro - ken cit - ies cry; O come, Lord Je - sus

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life. Our goals are plea - sure, gold, and power; in - jus - tice stalks our earth. In
 fear. O Word made flesh be seen in us. May all we say and do af -
 way. O pour Your Sov - reign Spi - rit out on heart and will and brain. In -
 come! With truth Your roy - al di - a - dem, with righ - teous - ness Your rod. O

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vain we seek for rest, for joy, for sense of hu - man worth.
 firm You God in - car - nate still and turn sad hearts to you.
 spire Your church with love and power to ease our cit - ies' pain.
 come, Lord Je - sus, bring to earth the ci - ty of our God!

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
arr. Mark Barnard
Text, St Francis of Assisi

Make me a channel of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me bring Your love,
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace;
where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul, Lord.

Make me a channel of Your peace,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

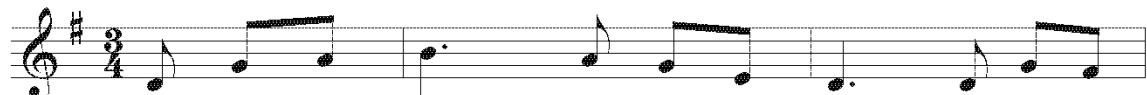
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Fred Pratt Green

English folk melody

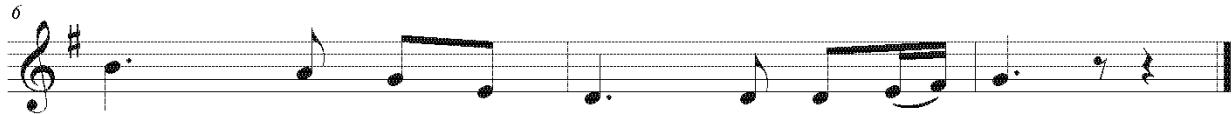
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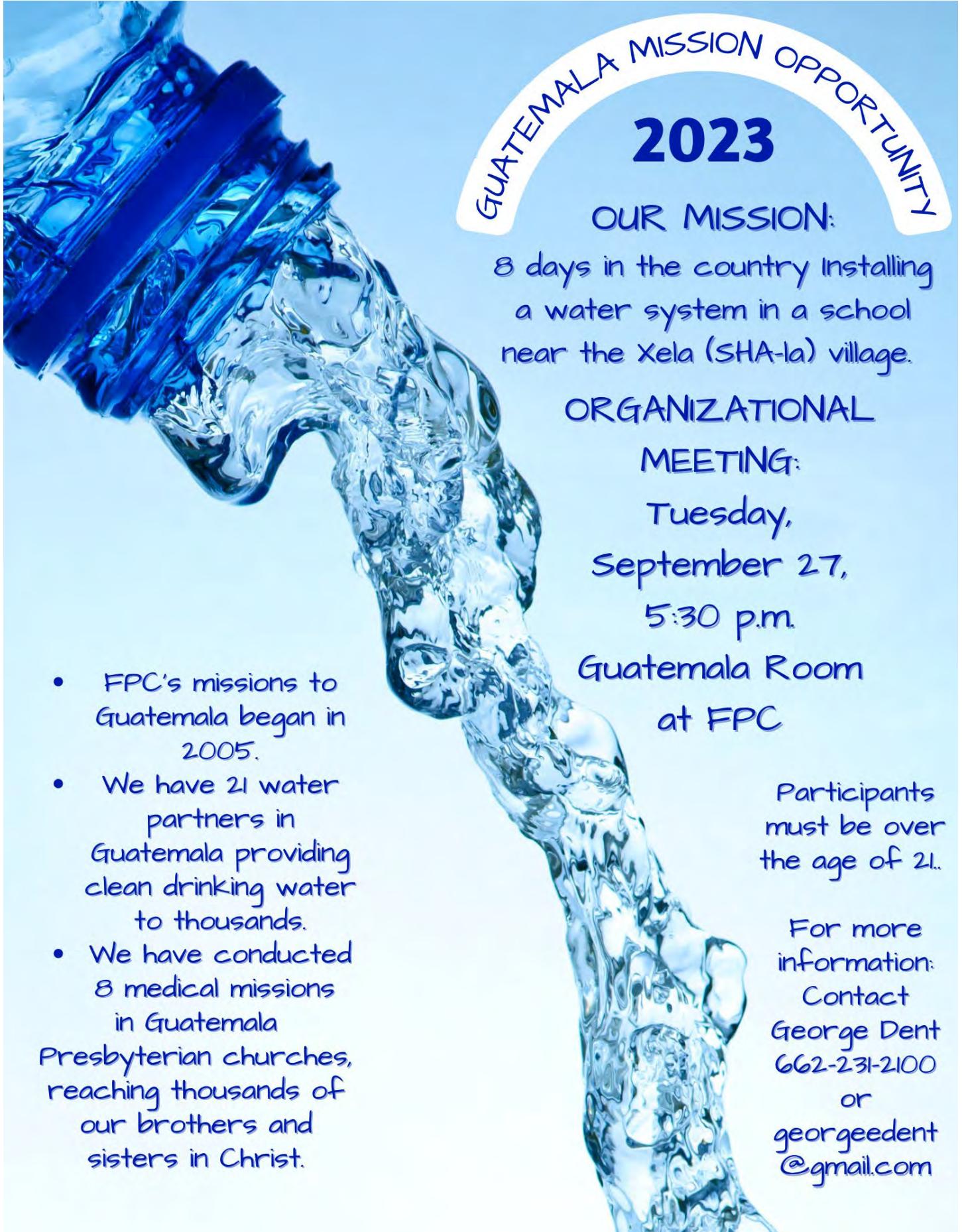
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Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



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fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to share our
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tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
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bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
serve, and spread Christ's li - ber - a - ting Word.



GUATEMALA MISSION OPPORTUNITY

2023

OUR MISSION:

8 days in the country installing
a water system in a school
near the Xela (SHA-la) village.

ORGANIZATIONAL

MEETING:

Tuesday,
September 27,

5:30 p.m.

Guatemala Room
at FPC

Participants
must be over
the age of 21.

For more
information:
Contact
George Dent
662-231-2100
or
georgeedent
@gmail.com

- FPC's missions to Guatemala began in 2005.
- We have 21 water partners in Guatemala providing clean drinking water to thousands.
- We have conducted 8 medical missions in Guatemala Presbyterian churches, reaching thousands of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday,
September 28

Dinner at 5:30 | Trivia at 6:00ish

For all youth & adults

Prizes awarded for winner & best team name

Whether you are a pit of useless knowledge,
enjoy fellowship and good laughs, or just want to see
what this is all about, FPC's Trivia Night is for you!