

# Future Faith

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Embracing the Color of the Future  
September 29, 2019

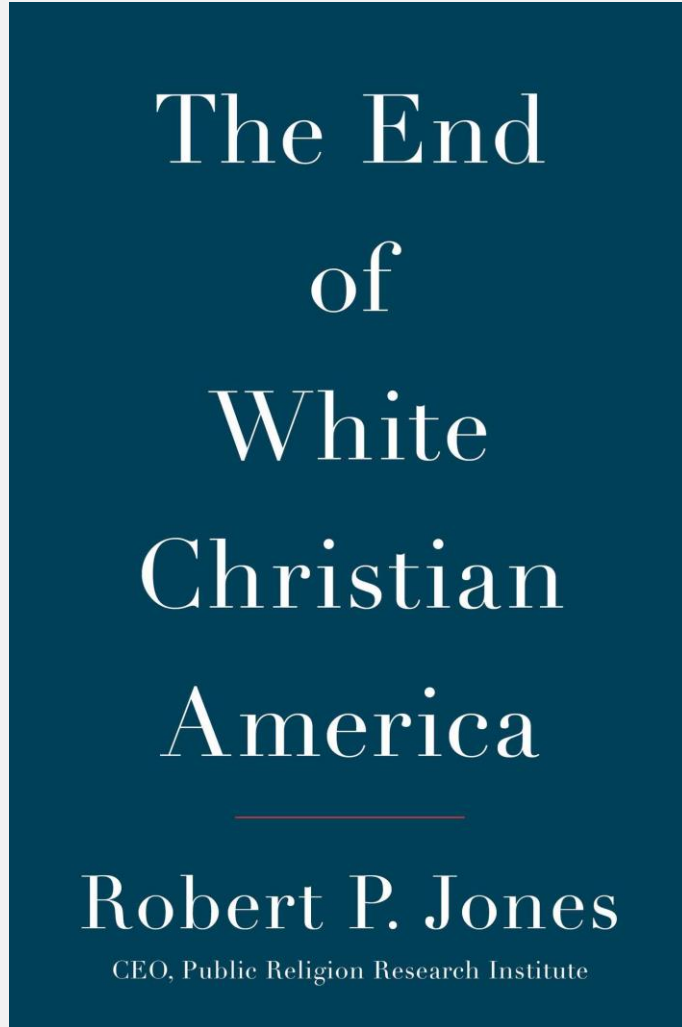


Facilitator: Dr. Greg Smith

# Agenda

- Announcements, Attendance, & Prayer
- Farewell to White Protestant America
- Embracing the Color of the Future

# Farewell to White Protestant America



## White Mainline Protestant

1998 – 24%

2014 – 14%

## White Evangelical Protestant

1998 – 22%

2014 – 18%

*In 21 years (1993-2014), White Protestants declined from 1 in 2 (51%) to 1 in 3 (32%)*

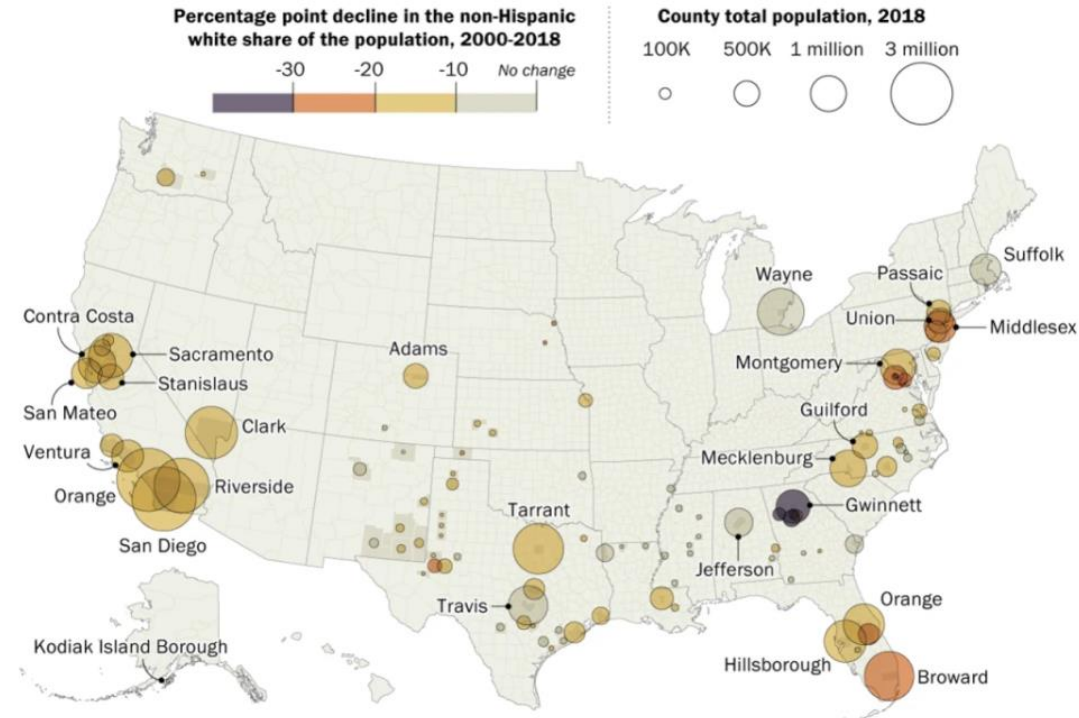
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# Farewell to White Protestant Texas

## In 109 counties, white population share fell below 50% between 2000 and 2018

U.S. counties in which the non-Hispanic white share of the population fell below 50% from 2000 to 2018



Note: Non-Hispanic whites became a minority in 138 counties between 2000 and 2018. Among this group, the 29 counties with fewer than 10,000 people in 2018 are not displayed on the map.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 2000 decennial census and 2018 Census Bureau population estimates.

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Race	2010 population	2018 population estimate	Increase
Hispanic	9,460,921	11,368,849	1,907,928
Black	2,899,884	3,441,644	541,760
White	11,428,638	11,912,849	484,211
Asian	960,543	1,433,736	473,193

Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
Credit: Connie Hanzhang Jin and Darla Cameron

*Since 2010, Tarrant County has experienced the fastest growing Hispanic population among large counties.*

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*Texas has the fastest-growing population in the U.S., with 9 (nine) Hispanics relocating to the state for every white person.*

# Growth of Nonwhites in Mainline

## Mainline Membership

2007 – 41 million

2014 – 36 million

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## Nonwhites in Mainline

2007 – 9%

2014 – 14%

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*Denominations across the religious landscape in the United States must embrace a multicultural future, with all the changes in power and participation that this necessitates, or they will dwindle as self-protective white minorities.*

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# PCUSA – Last 5 Years

## Five Years At A Glance: Membership Diversity

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(STATISTICS ARE TOTALS, SHOW AVERAGES)

General	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Churches Reporting	9,304	9,453	9,644	9,833	10,038
Racial Ethnic Diversity	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
African	7,074	6,764	8,230	8,390	7,220
African-American	27,670	27,948	32,277	31,202	30,956
Asian	32,756	34,979	36,537	35,771	39,909
Black	12,379	13,273	12,230	13,549	15,746
Hispanic	16,210	16,623	18,297	20,203	21,663
Middle Eastern	1,836	1,820	1,701	2,075	2,066
Native American	2,412	3,069	3,017	2,505	2,746
White	1,001,522	1,083,042	1,161,025	1,240,201	1,325,951
Other	3,297	3,542	3,674	3,592	5,884
Total	1,105,156	1,191,060	1,276,948	1,357,488	1,452,141

### White

2017 – 90.6%

2013 – 91.3%

### African American

2017 – 2.5%

2013 – 2.1%

### Hispanic

2017 – 1.5%

2013 – 1.5%

### Asian

2017 – 3.0%

2013 – 2.7%



# FPC FW = Caring & Inclusive

## Coming Up at First Presbyterian

*Full details on these and other events, in newsletter or [fpcfww.org](http://fpcfww.org).*

**WELCOME** to First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth! We are a caring and inclusive community of faith offering a place for everyone, whether in a worship service, church school class, bible study, fellowship group, or outreach team. Today is Bring a Friend to Church Sunday, and we are so glad you are here today! Please join us for a casual reception with refreshments on the West Concourse between the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. All are welcome to enjoy this time of hospitality and fellowship! Sponsored by the FPC Evangelism Committee.

# First Presbyterian FW – Last 5 Years

PIN: **8739** Presbytery: Grace Synod: The Sun

## Five Years At A Glance: Membership Diversity

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Racial Ethnic Diversity	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
African	22	4	0	2	0
African-American	7	7	8	6	6
Asian	11	6	5	7	6
Black	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	50	48	47	45	43
Middle Eastern	0	0	0	0	0
Native American	0	0	0	0	0
White	1963	1948	1889	1864	1860
Other	3	27	28	27	24
Total	2056	2040	1977	1951	1939

### White

2017 – 95.5%

2013 – 95.9%

### African American

2017 – 0.3%

2013 – 0.3%

### Hispanic

2017 – 2.4%

2013 – 2.2%

### Asian

2017 – 0.5%

2013 – 0.3%



# Building Relationships

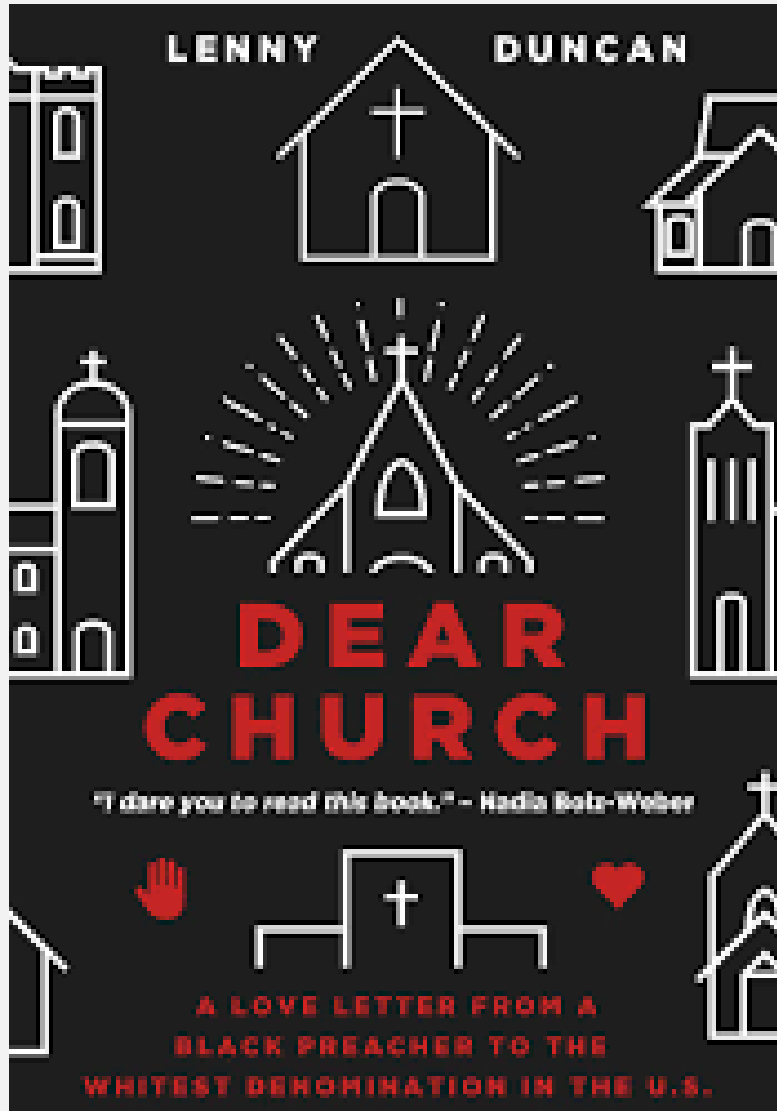


**Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church**



**First Presbyterian Church**

# Rev. Lenny Duncan (ELCA)



Problem = theological (not merely sociological)

3Rs = repentance, reparations, reconciliation

Reconsider all aspects of the liturgy

# American Examples



The Evangelical Covenant Church

[Evangelical Covent Church Annual Report: 2017-2018.](#)

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	1990	2017
AGGREGATE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	94,950	224,041
ESTIMATED TOTAL CONSTITUENCY	125,000	325,000
NUMBER OF CHURCHES	615	876
CURRENT CONGREGATIONS ADDED SINCE 1990		391
% ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF CHURCHES	7%	32%

**AG ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**

[Assemblies of God Statistics](#)

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- ✓ Est. 1914
- ✓ US Membership: 3.2 million
- ✓ Rapid growth (whites declining)
- ✓ 53% under age of 35
- ✓ 43% ethnic minority



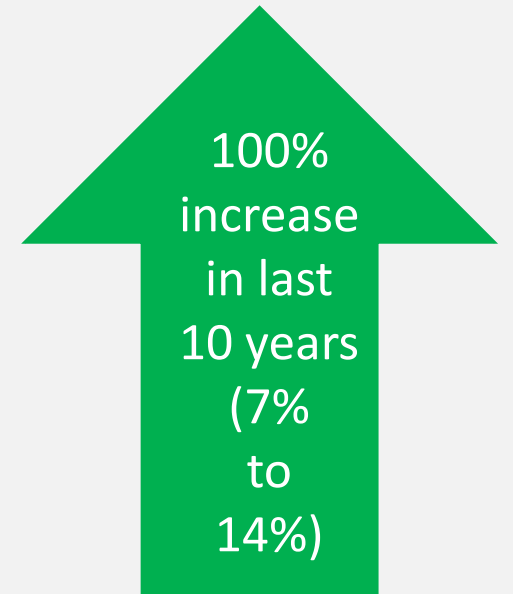
# Multiracial Congregations



**Middle Collegiate Church**  
(UCC & RCA)  
Est. 1628

Multiracial congregations are faith communities consisting of at least 20% of from a racial-ethnic background different from the majority

Multiracial congregations are almost twice as likely to have high vitality when compared to white congregations (43% vs 24%)



# Next Steps

Actor	Action
Individually	
Journeys/Boomers	
FPC Fort Worth	



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