

The pastor is continuing a brief sermon series today—*They Were Forgiven*. This week's sermon is *Forgiven for Fear*. The sermon for next week is *Forgiven for Failure*.

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Anita Campbell in loving memory of her parents.

Today's Schedule

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Reception following 11:00 service*)
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
4:00 p.m. - Faith Builders

Monday

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Gathering in Wilbanks Hall

Wednesday

5:15 p.m. - Youth Bells
6:15 p.m. - Youth Choir
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee

Next Sunday

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

A duet will sing for the 8:45 service and the Chancel Choir will sing at the 11:00 a.m. service. Harry Meissner's sermon, *Forgiven for Failure*, will be based upon John 7:53-8:11.

We want to periodically remind you that each Sunday sermon is posted in audio form on the church website, fpcmesquite.org. From the home page, click on the *Worship* tab, select *Sermon Audio*, and then choose which sermon you want to listen to.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Harry C. Meissner—Interim Pastor
Linda Campbell—Director of Christian Education
Casey McCollough—Director of Music
B. J. Mauldin—Organist/Keyboard Musician
Renee Stormer—Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks—Pastor Emeritus



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4th Sunday of Easter

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, a plus sign (+) indicates 11:00 only, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. The Music Director will indicate the appropriate time to stand for the hymns.*

VOLUNTARY

Set Me As a Seal

Clausen

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

INTROIT +

Come, Followers of Christ

Butler

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 1:2; Revelation 5:13b

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might.

*HYMN 21

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*OPENING PSALM

from Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER *(Hymn 546)*

**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.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANTHEM + *Sanctuary* Thompson/Scruggs
God Is So Good Anon.
Children's Chorus

THE FIRST READING ♦ *(Pew Bible, p. 127 NT)* Acts 9:1-6
The first reading is usually from Acts during the season of Easter.

THE GOSPEL READING ♦ *(Pew Bible, p. 115 NT)* John 21:1-19
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM + *My Friend, Do Not Forget* Martin
Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Linda Campbell

*HYMN 269 *Jesus Calls Us*

SERMON *They Were Forgiven* Harry C. Meissner
"Forgiven for Fear"

*AFFIRMATION 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 wit-
nesses. 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.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INVITATION TO THE OFFERING #

*Please find and sign the Registration of Attendance pad and pass it to
others on the same pew, so that we may have a record of your atten-
dance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will pro-
vide contact information, especially your email address, so that we
may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.*

OFFERTORY *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* Courtney
Mixed Ensemble

*DOXOLOGY *(Hymn 544)*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy king-
dom 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.**

*HYMN 408 *Come, We That Love the Lord*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

The congregation will say the benediction together, sending Linda to her call:
**The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE + *Go Show the World We Care* Butler

VOLUNTARY *Now Thank We All Our God* Pethal

OUR INVITATION

*Every service of worship invites us to consider our relationship to Je-
sus Christ and to his church. If you are not vitally involved in some
community of faith, perhaps this congregation is the place where you
can worship, find fellowship, grow, and share in our mission and wit-
ness to the world. If you would like to discuss this important matter,
please indicate your interest on the registration of attendance pad or
speak to the minister following the service.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

- # Elder - (8:45) Sue Bohmer, (11:00) Roger Foltz
- ♦ Youth Readers - (8:45) Elizabeth Ratzer, (11:00) Nathan Edling
- ** Deacon - (8:45) Dr. Carol Stephenson, (11:00) Cindy Jenkins
- Candle lighter - (11:00) Cloee Starnes

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

During the season of Easter, many traditions omit the penitential acts and replace them with more celebrative ones. We are following that tradition here at FPC during the Easter season, as the opening Psalm replaces the prayer of confession.