

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

# Elder - (8:45) Ted Barron, (11:00) Steve Leake  
\*\* Deacon - (8:45) Ashley Neece, (11:00) Dana White  
Candle lighter - (11:00) Luke Boling

## THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Today, at the 11:00 a.m. we recognize our graduating High School Seniors, of whom we are most proud. There will be a brief reception in Wilbanks Hall following the service to add our own personal congratulations to these fine young people.

### Today's Schedule (*Senior Sunday*)

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
12:05 p.m. - Reception for Graduating Seniors in Wilbanks Hall  
2:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth meet in the North Parking Lot to go to the Grace Presbytery Youth Celebration at FPC, Plano

### Tuesday

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Planning Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Meeting (*Crossroads Classroom*)  
7:30 p.m. - Personnel Committee Meeting (*Wilbanks Hall*)

### Wednesday

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

### Next Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
12:05 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting  
3:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth End of the School Year Swim Party  
At worship next Sunday the Octet will sing at 8:45 and the Chancel Choir will be singing at 11:00 a.m. Harry Meissner's sermon, *Do You Understand It?*, will be based upon John 16:12-15.

## THOSE WHO SERVE

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



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Day of Pentecost*

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.

## ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The *Day of Pentecost*—often called the *birthday of the Church*—marks the end of the Easter season. We now move into a season that is variably called *Sundays after Pentecost* or *Ordinary Time*. The more usual, in the Reformed tradition, prayer of confession and assurance of pardon return to their usual place in the service today as preparation for hearing the word read and preached. The Apostles' Creed returns as the Affirmation of Faith. The liturgical color for the Day of Pentecost is *red*—symbolizing the tongues of flame at Pentecost and the blood of the martyrs.

VOLUNTARY                      *Prelude on "Limehouse"*                      Gilbert Martin

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

INTROIT +                      *Prepare to Hear and Praise!*                      Butler  
Chancel Choir

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP                      Philippians 1:2; Acts 1:8  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### And also with you.

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.

\*HYMN 5

*O Lord, Thou Art My God and King*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon the gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, tell the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people who always seek to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

*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 attendance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will provide contact information, especially your email address, so that we may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.*

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF THE DAY #

OLD TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 9 OT)* Genesis 11:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 119 NT)* Acts 2:1-8, 11b-21

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *(8:45)* *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Dan Forrest

Duet—Eric Schwartz and Casey McCollough

*(11:00)* *Hymn to the Holy Spirit* Craig Courtney  
Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES *(8:45)* Sherry Futrell, *(11:00)* Mary McBain

*At the 11:00 service, when this time is concluded, children pre-school through 2nd grade are invited to join the leader to go to children's church. The rest may return to sit with their families in the sanctuary. Worship helps are available.*

\*HYMN 241

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

SERMON *It's Not How High You Jump* Harry C. Meissner

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Today's Pentecost Offering, given over and above regular tithes and offerings, is designated to go 100% toward our commitment to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. You may use a pew envelope and simply mark it "Pentecost Offering."*

OFFERTORY

*Aria*

Craig Phillips

\*DOXOLOGY *(Hymn 544)*

**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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION\*\*

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS +

PRESENTATION OF 2016 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS +

Pete Allen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SILENT PRAYER, CONCLUDING COLLECT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

\*HYMN 399

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE +

*Go Show the World We Care*

Butler

VOLUNTARY

*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young