

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Today's Schedule

- 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
- 12:10 p.m. - Hot Dog and Apple pie Luncheon

The Church Office will be **closed on Monday** in observance of Memorial Day.

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
- In worship next Sunday, Casey McCollough will sing at 8:45 and the Chancel Choir at 11:00. Harry Meissner's sermon, *When You Have Nothing to Say*, is based upon Romans 5:1-11.

Second notice is given of a **congregational meeting** which will be held about 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary next Sunday, June 5. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Deacon to fill an unexpired term.



Sign up for Vacation Bible School continues today at the table in the back hall. You and someone you know would profit from being here June 19-23.

The Men's Council will host a congregational luncheon after 11:00 worship on **June 12**. Tickets are available for purchase at a table in the back hall.

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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9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 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. Let us worship God!*

VOLUNTARY *America the Beautiful* arr. Smith

STRIKING OF THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 62:8*
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

*HYMN 515 *God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you led people to this land, and out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed our heritage by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive the pride that prevents us from seeing our own shortcoming. Forgive the divisions caused by prejudice and greed. Have mercy on the heart of this great land. Help us to be compassionate. Fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism that sees and seeks this nation's good; 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING # *(Pew Bible, page 136 NT)*

Acts 16:16-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN 349

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

SERMON

Profiles in Courage

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

ANTHEM

An American Tribute
Chancel Choir

Wagner

*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**

SCRIPTURE # *(Pew Bible, page 393 OT)*

II Chronicles 7:14-18a

PRAYERS FOR THE NATION AND THOSE WHO SERVE IT

Merciful God, ruler of all the peoples on earth: we pray your forgiveness for any of our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love truth; give wisdom to our counselors and steadfastness to our people; and bring us at last to that fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, and whose builder and maker you are; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The prayers continue with petitions and intercessions...

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.

*CLOSING SONG 513

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Battle Hymn of the Republic

arr. Smith

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder of the Day - (8:45) Gracy Thomas, (11:00) Marilyn Saams

** Head Deacon - (8:45) Kay Alvarez, (11:00) Rick Secord

Acolyte (11:00) - Zoe Futrell

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Eric and Lori Schwartz in honor and celebration of their 2nd Wedding Anniversary.