

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Flowers in the sanctuary today are given by John and Paula Kusewitt, in honor of God and country, and by Paul and Sue Luce, in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

Today's Schedule

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

The church office will be closed on Monday for Independence Day.

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Summer Choir Rehearsal
Although the choir will sing throughout the summer, this will be the final Wednesday Night Rehearsal through August 10.

Next Sunday—July 10

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
In worship next Sunday, Brenda Greer will sing a solo at 8:45, and a Mixed ensemble will sing at 11:00. Harry Meissner's sermon, *I Was Hoping You Wouldn't Ask That*, is based upon Luke 13:1-9.

Save the Date! The **Black and Gold Gala Dinner and Silent Auction** will be Thursday, July 28th, 6:30-8:30. Tickets are on sale now!

The Blood Mobile will be here next Sunday for our quarterly **Blood Drive**.

An audio copy of both today's sermon and recent sermons may be found on the church website fpcmesquite.org. From the home page menu, select the *worship* tab, then *sermon audio*, and then choose the sermon you wish.

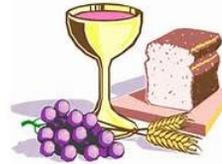
THOSE WHO SERVE

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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July 3, 2016

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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. Let us worship God!*

VOLUNTARY *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Arr. Ellsasser

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

INTROIT + *I Come with Joy* Arr. Lovelace

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Luke 4:18

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

And also with you.

Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor and release to the captives.

*HYMN 85 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 OF THE DAY #

OLD TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 336 OT)* II Kings 5:1-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 35 NT)* Mark 1:40-45

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM + *Blessed Be My Lord* Wagner
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.

The following hymn will not be announced.

When the organ begins to play its introduction, please stand, ready to sing.

*HYMN 368 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SERMON *A Simple Act* 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

OFFERTORY

Devotion
Duet—John and Paula Kusewitt

Beck

*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**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

The Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Gluten free bread is found in the small plastic envelopes in the regular trays with the rest of the bread.

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 141 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE + *Lift High the Cross* Nicholson

VOLUNTARY *Now with Singing and Praise* Wood

OUR INVITATION

Every service of worship invites us to consider our relationship to Jesus 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 witness 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) Sheila Hammer, (11:00) Clarence Greer

** Deacon - (8:45) Mike Lee, (11:00) David Starnes

Acolyte - (11:00) Chloe Starnes