

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

We're making good progress! Once again, there is a form in the bulletin for those who may want to purchase one or more copies of the **new Presbyterian hymnal**, *Glory to God*. You may make this purchase as a gift, in honor of someone, or as a memorial. An article in the July newsletter gives a complete explanation.

Today's Schedule

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
10:15 a.m. - Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting

Next Sunday—July 24

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
Next Sunday's Sermon - *I Do Believe that Archimedes Was Right*
(Colossians 3:1-11)

Notice is given of a **Congregational Meeting** to be held today in the sanctuary, at 10:15 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect and commission a Pastor Nominating Committee. Nominees coming from the Church Officer Nominating Committee are Diane Beal, Sue Bohmer, Phil Johnson, John Kusewitt, Larry Thomas, George Venner, and Beverlee Witty.

Contribution Statements for the first half of the year are available in the back hallway. Why not get yours and check your giving progress to date?

Tickets are still available for the **Black and Gold Gala/Dinner and Silent Auction** that will be held Thursday, July 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

We all continue in our concern for the families of the fallen police officers from last weekend. Memorial services for them began last Wednesday. Our own John Kusewitt worked with DART Officer Brent Thompson. If anyone feels disposed to contribute to his memorial fund, you may do so by accessing the internet account: GoFundMeAcct.DART.Org.

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 17, 2016

16th 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 *Celebration on "Lasst uns erfreuen"* Kendall

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT + I Come with Joy arr. Lovelace

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Colossians 3:17

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

And also with you.

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

*HYMN 2

For the Beauty of the Earth

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; and we have done those things we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life 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. 515 OT)* Psalm 42:1-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 72 NT)* Luke 10:38-42

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM + *All Things Bright and Beautiful* arr. Rutter
Summer Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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.

As the organ begins the introduction to it, please stand, ready to sing.

*HYMN 265 *Sing Them Over Again to Me*

SERMON *Why Are You Telling Me This Story?* 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

*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**

THE 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 298 *Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION +

*RESPONSE *Lift High the Cross* Nicholson
Summer Chancel Choir

VOLUNTARY *Recessional in C* Wagner

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) Sue Bohmer, (11:00) Charlie Hammer
** Deacon - (8:45) Dr. Carol Stephenson, (11:00) Cindy Jenkins
Acolyte - (11:00) Julia Mauldin

FPC SERMONS

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.