

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

We'd like to wrap this up in July! For the next-to-the-last time 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 gave a complete explanation.

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. - Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday

6:30 p.m. - Black and Gold Gala

Next Sunday—July 31

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
Next Sunday's Sermon - *The Siren's Song* (Luke 12:13-21)

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?

The time has come! The **Black and Gold Gala/Dinner and Silent Auction** is this week—Thursday, July 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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.

Did You know that we maintain an ongoing collection of food for Mesquite Social Services? Any kind of non-perishable, canned or boxed, foods may be placed in the cabinets at either the north entrance to the main building or the entrance to the fellowship hall building. These are delivered periodically to help alleviate hunger in this part of our world.

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 24, 2016

17th 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 *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* arr. Wagner

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT + I Come with Joy arr. Lovelace

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Romans 8:15-16
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

*HYMN 9

Now Thank We All Our God

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our own sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and we have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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.

A WORD ABOUT BLACK AND GOLD

PRAYER OF THE DAY #

OLD TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 559 OT)* Psalm 107:1-9, 43

NEW TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 201 NT)* Colossians 3:1-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM +

The Gift of Love

Hopson

Summer Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Paula Kusewitt

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 271

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

SERMON

I Do Believe that Archimedes Was Right 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

The Garden Hymn

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**

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 404

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION +

*RESPONSE

Lift High the Cross

Summer Chancel Choir

Nicholson

VOLUNTARY

This Is My Song

arr. Leatherman

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) Jan Fort, (11:00) William Richardson

** Deacon - (8:45) Kay Alvarez, (11:00) Cindy Jenkins

Acolyte - (11:00) Campbell Futrell