

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The **flowers** in the sanctuary today are given by John and Susan Scholl in honor of their 47th Wedding Anniversary.

We have had an incredible response to the purchase of the **new Presbyterian hymnal**, *Glory to God*. To make sure that everyone has an opportunity to participate in this effort as a gift, in honor of someone, or as a memorial, there is a form in the bulletin on *this last Sunday* for those who may want to purchase one or more copies. As of today you have the option to use a Debit or Credit Card. If you wish to use a Debit or Credit Card, see Renee in the church office after the service.

Today's Schedule

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

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Deacons Meeting

Next Sunday—August 7

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
Next Sunday's Sermon - *A Light Diet* (Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)

Contribution Statements for the first half of the year are available in the back hallway for this last Sunday. Why not get yours and check your giving progress to date? You'll save the church the postage for mailing it to you.

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 31, 2016

18th 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 *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arr. Sawyer

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT + I Come with Joy arr. Lovelace

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Colossians 3:1
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God..

*HYMN 100 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always followed your way. You are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires. You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us comprehend the height and depth and breadth of your great love for all; 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 OF THE DAY #

OLD TESTAMENT READING # *(p. 604 OT)* Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

NEW TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 74 NT)* Luke 12:13-21

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM + *Love, Joy, and Peace* Marshall
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 312 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

SERMON *The Siren's Song* 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 352 *Rise Up, O Men of God!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

VOLUNTARY *Toccata* Young

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) Joy Samuels, (11:00) Ann Smith
** Deacon - (8:45) Kay Alvarez, (11:00) Holly Smith
Acolyte - (11:00) Julia Mauldin