

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

# Elder - (8:45) Karen Harris, (11:00) Steve Leake  
\*\* Deacon - (8:45) Estle Powell, (11:00) Rick Secord  
Acolyte - (11:00) Luke Boling

## THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The **August newsletter** has been produced and may be found in the baskets in the back hall and in the narthex. Make sure you take one and read about all the great things that are going on at FPC.

### Today's Schedule

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

### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume  
7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

### Next Sunday—August 14

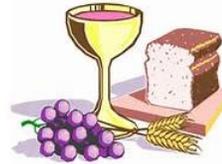
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
12:15 - Worship Committee Meeting  
Next Sunday's Sermon - *Was Jesus Just Having a Bad Day?*  
(Luke 12:49-56)

An audio copy of both **today's sermon** and recent sermons may be found on the church website [fpcmesquite.org](http://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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August 7, 2016

19th 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                      *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*                      arr. Hobby

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT +                      *Alleluia!*                      Fintan O'Carroll  
Summer Chancel Choir

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP                      Philippians 1:2; Psalm 130:5  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **And also with you.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word is my hope.

\*HYMN 89    *The God of Abraham Praise*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not always followed your way. You offer the joy of your Spirit, yet we waste away in sin and grief. You offer the life of your Word, yet we turn away in doubt and despair. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit make us more tender and kind, living as your beloved children; 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 # *(Pew Bible, p. 12 OT)* Genesis 15:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 225 NT)* Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM + *For the Beauty of the Earth* Rutter  
Summer Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Estle Powell

*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 369 *How Firm a Foundation*

SERMON *A Light Diet, But Very Stimulating* 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 *How Great Thou Art* Hine  
Rod Graham, soloist

\*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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 91 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE + *We All Are One in Mission* 17th Century  
Summer Chancel Choir

VOLUNTARY *Fanfare and Chorale on "Abbot's Leigh"* arr. Hobby

## 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.*