

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Today's Schedule

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:15 p.m. - Outreach Committee Meeting

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday—August 28 Rally Day

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:05 p.m. - Hot Dog Lunch (provided by the Men's Council)
and Rally Day program
2:30 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth meet to go to Back-to-School Swim Party
Next Sunday's Sermon - *Low Doorway* (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

As Fall begins to ramp up, we need to begin to think about **Wednesday Night Live dinners**. A group of dedicated people make these happen each week. If you would be one of those people for one or more weeks, please stop by the table in the hall to sign up. WNL resumes September 14th.

The red **Hymnbooks**, which have been replaced by the current **Glory to God** hymnal are out in the back hall. We are grateful to Carol Stephenson for organizing and labeling those that have been given as a memorial, in honor of someone, or as a gift. If a hymnal has a bookplate with your name or a family member in it, please feel free to take it. If you would like a Hymnbook without a bookplate as a souvenir, you may have one or more for \$5.00 each.

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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August 21, 2016 21st 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. Large print hymnals are available and may be obtained from an usher. Let us worship God!*

VOLUNTARY *Variations on "Ash Grove"* Joseph M. Matin

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT *Alleluia!* Fintan O'Carroll
(8:45) Casey McCollough, soloist; (11:00) Summer Chancel Choir

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Psalm 131:1
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN 31 *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always followed your way. You lavish your love upon us, yet our hearts grow cold. You wash us clean in your mercy, yet we defile ourselves in sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Instill us with a new commitment: to love you and love one another even as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER *(Hymn 581)*

**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. 698 OT)* Jeremiah 1:4-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 76 NT)* Luke 13:10-17

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM + *Teach Me, O Lord* Nolan Williams
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 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

SERMON *In Whose Image?* 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 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Sebastian Temple
Carol Graham, soloist

*DOXOLOGY *(Hymn 606)*

**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**

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 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

VOLUNTARY *Shout On!* Joseph M. Martin

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) George Venner, (11:00) Duane Moon

** Deacon - (8:45) Dr. Carol Stephenson, (11:00) Barbara Follansbee
Acolyte - (11:00) Zoe Futrell

Note: There is a sentence in the rubrics at the beginning of the service, but this is to reiterate that LARGE PRINT HYMNALS (words only) are available from an usher. There is also a large print hymn sheet available, if you read or otherwise need the music as well.