

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Today's Schedule—RALLY DAY

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:15 p.m. - Rally Day Hot Dog Lunch and CE Presentations
- 1:00 p.m. - Faith builders
- 2:30 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth meet to go to the Back-to-School Swim Party

Wednesday

- 6:30 p.m. - Youth Council Meeting in the Youth Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday—September 4

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- Next Sunday's Sermon - *Look Before You Leap* (Luke 14:25-33)

Today is Rally Day! We hope you can attend the hot dog luncheon following the 11:00 a.m. service for good fellowship and to hear something of plans for an exciting Fall.

Wednesday Night Live resumes just two weeks from Wednesday. Please stop by the table in the back hall to sign up for dinner and for a class. And while you are at it, consider signing up for one of our musical opportunities—chancel choir, youth choir, children's choir, Jubilate Ringers (adult hand-bells), Youth Bells, Children's Chimes.

The red **Hymnbooks**, which have been replaced by the current *Glory to God* hymnal are, for two more weeks, out in the back hall.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.

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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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 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 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* J. Bert Carlson

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT *Alleluia!* Fintan O'Carroll
Casey McCollough, soloist

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.

Jesus said: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls..

*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we breathe the proud spirit of the world: the spirit that scorns the way of humility, boasts of its cleverness, clings to knowledge as a means of power, and seeks to prove its worth by putting down others. Lord, have mercy upon us. Your wisdom unsettles our values and calls for our love. Fill us with a desire to search for your truth, that being content with being fools for Christ's sake, we may be part of your transforming the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SONG OF PRAISE (*Hymn 587*)

Celtic Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*Pew Bible, p. 506 OT*)

Psalm 32

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*Pew Bible, p. 66 NT*)

Luke 7:36-50

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The following hymn will not be announced.

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

*HYMN 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

SERMON

In the House of a Pharisee

Dr. John G. Blewitt

*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

Follow Me

John Carter

Jim Collins & Casey McCollough, Duet

*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 701

Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

VOLUNTARY

Festival Voluntary

Robert Lau

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) Harry Meissner, (11:00) John Kusewitt

** Deacon - (8:45) Karen Hunt, (11:00) Dana White

Acolyte - (11:00) Kade Williams

We welcome our pulpit guest, Dr. John G. Blewitt, to lead in worship and preach at this 8:45 service today.

A bulletin insert shows the dedication service for the hymnals at the 11:00 service, and another insert give a complete list of those who gave one or more hymnals as a gift, as well as those who have been honored or memorialized. Thanks to all who participated in this very successful effort.