

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Many of our youth are at the East Texas Youth Conference this weekend. Pray for their safe return this afternoon.

A Minute for Mission in worship will signal the beginning of our *Shoes for Orphaned Souls* project, sponsored by our L.I.F.E. youth. This project will continue through October 9.

Today's Schedule

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
- 9:30 a.m. - Alleluia Singers (Children's S.S. Class begins at 9:55)
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday

- 4:45 p.m. - Alleluia Chimes
- 4:45 p.m. - Youth Bells
- 5:45 p.m. - Dinner in Wilbanks Hall
- 6:15 p.m. - Youth Choir
- 6:30 p.m. - Classes and Activities
- 6:45 p.m. - Youth Bible Study and Fellowship
- 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - All Church Work Day - Clean up in and outside & paint nursery

Next Sunday—September 25

- 7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
 - 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
 - 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- The Interim Pastor returns to worship leadership this Sunday.
Sermon: *Why Did This Man Go to Hell?* (Luke 16:19-31)

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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September 18, 2016 25th 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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Keith Kolander

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT *Surely It Is God Who Saves Me* Jack Noble White
Chancel Choir (8:45), Octet (11:00)

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Psalm 100:1,2,5
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!

*HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is not perfect, our love is not constant, and our obedience is not complete. Daily we fail to grow into your likeness, yet you continue to love us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive. 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION—*Shoes for Orphaned Souls*

PRAYER OF THE DAY #

OLD TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 2 OT*)

Genesis 3:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 6 NT*)

Matthew 7:1-5

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (8:45)

Holy Is the Lord
Chancel Choir

Ralph Manuel

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey

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.

*HYMN OF THE MONTH 69

I, the Lord of Wind and Sky

SERMON

Judgment

Dr. George W. Hunt

*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

I've Just Come from the Fountain
Octet

Robert Hobby

*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 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Send Me, Jesus
Chancel Choir (8:45), Octet (11:00)

South African

VOLUNTARY

Let All Things Now Living

Frank Stoldt

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) Deborah Edling, (11:00) Beverlee Witty

** Deacon - (8:45) David Starnes, (11:00) Dana White

Acolyte - (11:00) Chloe Starnes

We welcome Rev. George W. (Hank) Hunt back to the pulpit this morning. Hank was with us two Sundays in 2015. Dr. Hunt was pastor of Woodhaven Presbyterian Church in Irving for 22 years. Then, after serving as a counselor at the Pastoral Counseling Center in Dallas for 20 years, he is now in private practice as a counselor.

Our Interim Pastor returns to the office on Thursday.