

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Today's Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
- 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

Wednesday - Wednesday Night Live Schedule

- 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

Next Sunday—October 2

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. - Alleluia Singers (Children's S.S. Class begins at 9:55.)
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 4:30 p.m. - Annual Church Picnic

Next Sunday's Sermon: *Recipe for a Healthy Faith*
(Psalm 137; II Timothy 1:1-14)

You may sign up for *Addressing Mesquite* (Saturday, October 8) on the bulletin board outside the church office.

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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September 25, 2016 26th 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 or music leaflet are available from an usher.*

VOLUNTARY *O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord* arr. Brian Glyncannon

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT + *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* Jack Noble White
Chancel Choir

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Psalm 34:8
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

*HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, and have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; and we have done those things we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults, and restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world. And grant, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SONG OF PRAISE (*Hymn 71, Refrain*) *Surely It Is God Who Saves Me*
**Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure— defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

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—*Addressing Mesquite*

PRAYER OF THE DAY #

OLD TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 548 OT*) Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 79 NT*) Luke 16:19-31
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM + *Here Am I, Send Me* John Purifoy
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.

*HYMN OF THE MONTH 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

SERMON *Why Did This Man Go to Hell?* 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

Holy Manna
Piano Solo

Leavitt

*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 542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE +

Send Me, Jesus
Chancel Choir

South African

The congregation has been hearing this response sung during September. You are invited to join in singing with the choir. (It's Hymn 746)

VOLUNTARY

Day by Day

arr. Hugh Livingston

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) Paula Kusewitt, (11:00) Roger Foltz
** Deacon - (8:45) Kay Alvarez, (11:00) Holly Smith
Acolyte - (11:00) Chloe Starnes