

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

We are excited today to have **Bob and Kristi Rice**, Missionaries to the Congo, present with us today. The adult Sunday School Classes will meet together in Wilbanks Hall today for a more detailed report on their good work, and we will have a brief Moment for Mission during both worship services.

Today's Schedule

- 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 — *Adult Classes all meet together in Wilbanks Hall*

Wednesday - Wednesday Night Live Schedule

- 4:45 p.m. - Alleluia Chimes
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Next Sunday—November 13

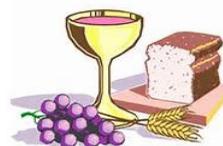
- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. - Alleluia Singers (Children's S.S. Class begins at 9:55.)
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages—Adult Classes will meet together in Wilbanks Hall
- 12:15 p.m. - Outreach Committee
- 5:00 p.m. - Cluster Thanksgiving Service at St. Mark Presbyterian, 9999 Ferguson Road, Dallas.

Our annual **Men's Thanksgiving Dinner** will be coming sooner than you think, because November 20 is coming sooner than you think. The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m., and the cost is \$7.00 per adult, \$3.00 for children under 12, with no family paying more than \$21.00. Tickets are available at a table in the back hall.

Notice is given of a called **congregational meeting** to be held in the sanctuary on November 13, 2016, at 10:50 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee to elect elders, deacons, and a trustee for the coming term. Elder nominees are Carol Graham, John Kusewitt, Eric Schwartz, Ron Smith, Carol Stephenson, and Beverlee Witty. Deacon Nominees are Sherry Futrell, Michael Galloway, Brandon Hall, Suzanne Ivy, B.J. Mauldin, and Doris Villarreal. Youth elder nominee is Nathan Edling. Youth deacon nominee is Elizabeth Ratzer. Nominee for trustee is Pat Venner.

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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November 6, 2016

32nd 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 sheets are available from an usher.*

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on Two Traditional Tunes

“Nun Danket” and “Let Us Break Bread Together”

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT

We Are Forgiven

Hal Hopson

Casey McCollough (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 1:2; Malachi 1:11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SONG OF PRAISE (*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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Bob and Kristi Rice

If you wish to make an over and above Love Offering to this good work, you are invited to use a pew envelope and just prominently mark it RICE.

PRAYER OF THE DAY #

OLD TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 866 OT*)

Micah 6:6-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 29 NT*)

Matthew 25:31-40

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (8:45)

None Other Lamb

Rossetti/Courtney

Patti Bettis and Casey McCollough, duet

(11:00)

Idyll of Praise

Courtney

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 733

We All Are One In Mission

SERMON

Five Practices of Fruitful Churches
4. Risk-Taking Mission and Service

Harry C. Meissner

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—APOSTLES CREED

Text may be found in Hymnal, page 35

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

Meditation on a Southern Folk Hymn

Dan Forest

Dave Edling, Jim Collins, Eric Schwartz, trio

*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**

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 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I may Speak

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE +

Give Thanks
Chancel Choir

Henry Smith

VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Gordon Young

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) Brian Ratzer, (11:00) Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey