

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN



Our annual **Men's Thanksgiving Dinner** is tonight!. 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, or will be available at the door.

Commitments for 2017 were received as part of the worship service last Sunday. If you were not able to turn yours in at that time, you may place your commitment materials in the offering plate today as the weekly offering is received. Extra copies of the Time/Talent Commitment folder and the financial commitment card may be found in the pew rack nearest the center aisle.

Today's Schedule

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. - Youth meet to leave for Grace Presbytery Fall Worship Service
- 5:30 p.m. - Faith Builders meet (will sit together at Thanksgiving Dinner)
- 6:00 p.m. - Men's Council Thanksgiving Dinner**

Wednesday - Wednesday Night Live will not meet this week

Wednesday—Friday

The Church Office is CLOSED in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Next Sunday—November 27 (First Sunday of Advent)

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- 9:30 a.m. - Alleluia Singers (Children's S.S. Class begins at 9:55.)
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 4:00 p.m. - Faith Builders

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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November 20, 2016

Christ the King Sunday

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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Timothy Albrecht

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT (*Hymn 447*) *We Are Forgiven* Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir will sing through once,
*then the congregation will be invited to **rise** and join in singing it through again.*

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Mark 11:9, 10b
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*OPENING PRAYER

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 #

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 200 NT*)

Colossians 1:11-20

SCRIPTURE READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 89 NT*)

Luke 23:33-43

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Celtic Laud
Chancel Choir

Martin/Courtney

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 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

SERMON

Crown Him Lord of All

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer Creator

arr. Flor Peters

*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**

A MOMENT OF FAREWELL +

PRAYERS 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 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 647*)

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Congregation is invited to join in singing the response.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say "We are strong";

Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks.— Give thanks.

VOLUNTARY

Built on a Rock

arr. Wilber Held

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) Ron Smith, (11:00) Charlie Hammer

** Deacon - (8:45) Karen Hunt, (11:00) Barbara Follonsbee

Acolyte - (11:00) Parker Villafana

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Today, on the Church year calendar, is the last Sunday of the year. It is known as **Christ the King Sunday**. The colors of the paraments on the lectern are white, recognizing a festival time in the church year. By ancient tradition, the acts of penitence are omitted on these festival Sundays. All that has happened since Advent began the Church year with a vague longing of the hope of God's intervention into our lives, fulfilled through the unfolding fullness of the revelation of God's nature and God's will for humanity, now ends with a final note of *triumph*. The servant Christ, the crucified Christ, the risen Christ, is now the *exalted* Christ. We end the Church year on this triumphant note, as we will once again begin re-telling the story with the First Sunday of Advent next week.