

## THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Today's Schedule - January 15

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
- 9:45 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. - C.E. Committee Meeting

### Wednesday - Wednesday Night Live Schedule

- 4:45 p.m. - Alleluia Chimes
- 5:45 p.m. - Dinner in Wilbanks Hall
- 6:30 p.m. - Classes and Activities
- 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

### Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth attend Peter Pan Musical at Horn High School

### Saturday

- 6:30 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth attend Lion King at Kimbrough Middle School

### Next Sunday - January 22

- 7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
- 9:45 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
- 5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Meeting

An audio copy of both **today's sermon** and recent sermons may be found on the church website [fpcmesquite.org](http://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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January 15, 2017

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

### WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

*Happy new year! 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, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Large print hymnals or music sheets are available from an usher. Let us worship God!*

### STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY	<i>Prelude No. 3</i>	Bach
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Lamb of God</i> Chancel Choir	Twila Paris

### GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, John 1:41,16*

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

#### **And also with you.**

We have found the messiah, Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth.

\*HYMN 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to recognize admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE (*Hymn 447*)

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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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. 679 OT)* Isaiah 49:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING ♦ *(Pew Bible, p. 92 NT)* John 1:29-42  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM + *Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love* Butler  
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 family in the sanctuary.*

\*HYMN 518 *Lamb of God*

SERMON *Who Was That Masked Man?* 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SILENT PRAYER, CONCLUDING PRAYER

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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* Hayes  
Brenda Greer, soloist

\*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\*\*

\*HYMN 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE + *Go with Us, Lord* Thomas Tallis  
Chancel Choir

VOLUNTARY *Blessed Assurance* Carter

**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) Dr. Carol Stephenson, (11:00) Eric Schwartz  
\*\* Deacon - (8:45) Estle Powell, (11:00) David Starnes  
♦ Youth Reader - (8:45) Ashley Neece, (11:00) Josh Edling  
Acolyte - Chloe Starnes (11:00)