

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Today's Schedule - January 22 (Souper Bowl of Caring begins)

- 7:30 a.m. - Men's 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
- 12:10 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers
- 4:00 p.m. - Faith Builders
- 5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Meeting

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

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

Friday

- 5:00 p.m. - Youth leave for Senior High Youth Conference

Next Sunday - January 29 (Souper Bowl of Caring)

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. - Annual Congregational Meeting

First notice is hereby given of the **Annual Congregational Meeting** to be held in conjunction with a Church Night Dinner in Wilbanks Hall on January 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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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January 22, 2017

3rd 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 *Finlandia* arr. Ritter

CHORAL INTROIT *Lamb of God* Twila Paris
Chancel Choir (8:45), Octet (11:00)

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Matthew 4:23*

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

And also with you.

Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and healed every sickness among the people.

*HYMN 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, giver of light and grace, we confess that we have sinned against you and against our fellow human beings, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have made light of your love and betrayed your trust. We are ashamed and sorry for our misdeeds and we repent of our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive all that is past, and lead us from darkness to walk as children of light; we offer our confession 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. 638 OT*)

Isaiah 9:1-4

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 3 NT*)

Matthew 4:12-23

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (8:45)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Chancel Choir

Lamberton

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 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

SERMON

The Impossible Dream

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION—Souper Bowl of Caring

Josh Edling

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth
The Octet

Curry

*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 463

How Firm a Foundation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (8:45)

Go with Us, Lord
Chancel Choir (8:45), Octet (11:00)

Thomas Tallis

VOLUNTARY

Alleluia! Song of Gladness

arr. Powell

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) Deborah Edling

** Deacon - (8:45) Terri White, (11:00) Holly Smith

Acolyte - Campbell Futrell (11:00)