

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

We welcome **Terry Tosch** to the organ console this morning as B.J. Mauldin takes a weekend off. Terry is well known at FPC as he has substituted here several times before.

Many of our L.I.F.E. youth and their sponsors are serving at **Church Under the Bridge** in Waco this morning.

We are also pleased to have a representative of the **Gideons** giving a report in worship this morning. He will be at the church door to receive any donation in support of their good work.

Today's Schedule - February 12

- 6:00 a.m. - L.I.F.E Youth meet in S. parking lot to go to Church Under the Bridge in Waco
- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. - Alleluia Singers (Children's S.S. Class begins at 9:55.)
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

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

Next Sunday - February 19

- 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. - Outreach Committee Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. - Youth Bells

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



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February 12, 2017

6th Sunday after Epiphany

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, 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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

CHORAL INTROIT *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* Ceron Davis
Casey McCollough (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Psalm 106:1*
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

O give thanks, for the Lord is good. God's love endures forever.

*HYMN 385 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 587*)

Celtic Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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.

A REPORT FROM THE GIDEONS

Nick Nichols

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 186 OT*)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 4 NT*)

Matthew 5:21-37

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM +

Love is of God
Chancel Choir

Ed Harris

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 720

Jesus Calls Us

SERMON

The Choice is Yours

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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 269

Lead On, O King Eternal

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE +

Farewell, Good Friends
Chancel Choir

Hebrew Blessing

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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) Joy Samuels, (11:00) John Kusewitt
** Deacon - (8:45) Kay Alvarez, (11:00) Holly Smith
Acolyte - Bailey Romine (11:00)