

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The **flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are given by John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of Paula's birthday and their wedding anniversary.

Our Spring **Blood Drive** is next Sunday. This is an important part of our mission to the community. If you are able to donate blood, please plan to visit the Blood Mobile in the North Parking Lot before 1:00 p.m. next Sunday.

Today's Schedule - March 5

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 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
- 12:15 p.m. - Youth Bells
- 5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Group
- 6:00 p.m. - Church Night Dinner

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
- 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Next Sunday - March 12

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

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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March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

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

VOLUNTARY *Behold the Lamb of God!* arr. Lani Smith

CHORAL INTROIT *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Southern Harmony, 1835
Soloist (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

This is a "call and response" song. When the choir (or soloist) has sung the verse (call), the congregation is invited (to remain seated) to join in with the refrain (response).

**I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Matthew 4:4*
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

*HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (Hymn 581)

Glory Be to the Father

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and forever 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

OLD TESTAMENT READING # (Pew Bible, p. 2 OT)

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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

Matthew 4:1-11

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (8:45)

The Old Rugged Cross
Jim Collins, soloist

George Bennard

(11:00)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Karen Harris

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 819

Be Still, My Soul

SERMON

Getting Beyond Our Fears

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

Breathe

Michael W. Smith

Andy Leake, Stephen Leake, Doris Villarreal

*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**

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.

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (11:00)

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

American folk melody

Chancel Choir

VOLUNTARY

Presto. from Handel's *Fifth Organ Concerto*

arr. Kevin Norris

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) Ron Smith, (11:00) Darby Washeck

** Deacon - (8:45) Mike Lee, (11:00) David Starnes

Acolyte - Chloe Starnes (11:00)