

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The **flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are given by the Sheppard family in honor of Jim's 85th birthday.

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

This is **Spring Break Week** for most of the school districts. For that reason, many of our activities are not being held this week.

The **Interim Pastor** will be taking a week's vacation this week as well. He will return to conduct worship next Sunday.

The **Administrative Assistant** will be on vacation this week, so **the church office will be closed**.

Today's Schedule - March 12

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

Wednesday - No Wednesday Night Live this week
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday - March 19

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
9:30 a.m. - Youth Bells
9:45 a.m. - Alleluia Singers
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
3:00 p.m. - Frances Hair Memorial Service

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 12, 2017

Second 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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Karl Osterland

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, John 3:14-15*
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

*HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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 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. 10 OT) Genesis 12:1-4a

NEW TESTAMENT READING ♦ (Pew Bible, p. 154 NT) Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Agnus Dei* Eugene Butler
Chancel Choir

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 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

SERMON *Why Not an Adventure?* 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

OFFERTORY *What Shall I Render to the Lord* Craig Courtney
Casey McCollough, 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 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (11:00) *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace* American folk melody
Chancel Choir

VOLUNTARY *Jesus, Still Lead On* Paul Manz

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) Gracy Thomas, (11:00) William Richardson

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

Acolyte - Campbell Futrell (11:00)

♦ Youth Readers - (8:45) Dwayne Prater, (11:00) Callie Portillo