

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
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anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Harry Meissner

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 701—all uniting*)

Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.—
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

VOLUNTARY *Marching Through Georgia* Henry Clay Work
Dwayne Prater, flute

YOUTH USHERS

Lizzy Ratzner
Michael Villafana
Luke Boling
Hunter White
Aiden Lewis

GREETERS

McKenna White
Austin Neece

THOSE WHO SERVE

Harry C. Meissner, Interim Pastor
Casey McCollough, Director of Music Ministries
B.J. Mauldin, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, April 30

8:45 a.m. - Youth-led Early Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
11:00 a.m. - Youth-led Worship Service
12:15 p.m. - Spaghetti Luncheon (*Mission Trip fundraiser*) & Raffle

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle

Wednesday

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. - Deacons Meeting

Friday

The Men's Retreat begins at Mo Ranch and will continue through
Sunday morning.

Next Sunday - May 7

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Classes for all ages

If you don't have lunch plans, it's not too late to purchase your ticket
to the L.I.F.E. Youth Spaghetti Luncheon. Each ticket sold will help
fund the Mission Trip this summer.

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.

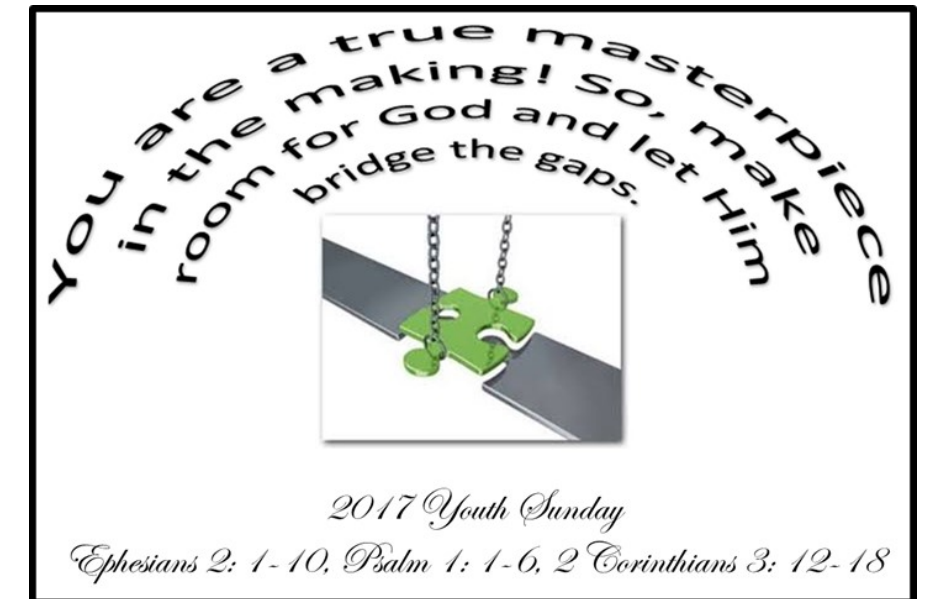
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YOUTH SUNDAY

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 30, 2017

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. Let us worship God!*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC *Grand March* Julie Turner
L.I.F.E. Youth Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Harry Meissner

MOMENT FOR MISSION Josh Edling

INTROIT *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* arr. Whalum
L.I.F.E. Youth Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Alberto Villafana
O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of
our salvation.

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing
joyful songs of praise.**

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER R. J. Jesudas

As the music begins, please stand for the Hymn.

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Kade Williams

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But we confess that our knowledge is not perfect, our love is not constant, and our obedience is not complete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness, but you are patient with us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not remember our sins, but in your tender love, forgive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Ashley Neece

*SONG OF PRAISE *(Hymn 71)*

**Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure— defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

*THE PEACE

Madison Starnes

With the coming of God's forgiveness, also comes God's peace. Let us share that peace with those seated around you. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Madison Villafana & Isaac Williams

ANTHEM

*You Are My All in All
L.I.F.E. Youth Choir*

Jernigan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dwayne Prater

FIRST READING *(p. 192, NT)*

Autumn Futrell

Ephesians 2:1-10

CHORAL RESPONSE *(Hymn 458, refrain)*

Thy Word

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

PSALTER *(p. 489, OT)*

Joshua Edling

Psalm 1:1-6

CHORAL RESPONSE *(As Above)*

Thy Word

MEDITATION

Nathan Edling

SECOND READING *(p. 180, NT)*

Victoria Stormer

II Corinthians 3:12-18

CHORAL RESPONSE *(As Above)*

Thy Word

MEDITATION

Callie Portillo

*HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
Refrain: This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
*Refrain...***

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
*Refrain...***

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Austin Neece

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

Ethan Williams

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 DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING

Luke Boling

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Praise the Lord

arr. Weekley and Arganbright

Piano Duet: Callie Portillo and Madison Villafana

*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

Elizabeth Ratzer

*HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

**1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

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