

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 251, v 1*)

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

**Christ has arisen, al-le-lu-ia.
Rejoice and praise him, al-le-lu-ia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sins forgiving, al-le-lu-ia!
Jesus is living, 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 SPECIAL PRESENTATION (11:00)

Dr. Carol Stephenson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

THE FIRST READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 126 NT*)

Acts 7:55-60

THE SECOND READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 233*)

I Peter 2:2-10

THE GOSPEL READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 108 NT*)

John 14:1-14

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Love, Joy, and Peace
Mother's Day Men's Chorus

Jane Marshall

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 634

To God Be the Glory

SERMON

This Is All Headed Somewhere

Harry C. Meissner

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Come and Fill Our Hearts
Men's Chorus

Jacques Berthier

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SILENT PRAYER, CONCLUDING COLLECT

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

In the Garden
Clarence & Brenda Greer

Austin Miles

*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 321

The Church's One Foundation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Men's Chorus

Runyan

VOLUNTARY

How Wondrous and Great

arr. David Johnson

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) Ann Smith, (11:00) Mary McBain
** Deacon - (8:45) Estle Powell (11:00) Anita Campbell
Acolyte - (11:00) MacKenzie Aynes

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Paula Kusewitt in honor of John during National Police Week; thank you for being my hero! They are also in recognition of all current, retired and fallen police officers with appreciation for their service and brotherhood.

Today's Schedule - May 14

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

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. P.W. Morning Circle planning meeting
10:00 a.m. - Scholarship Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday (Wednesday Night Live has concluded until Fall)

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday - May 21 - Senior Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:15 p.m. - Senior Reception in Wilbanks Hall with light refreshments
5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth (Mandatory Parent & Youth Mission Trip meeting)

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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May 14, 2017

5th Sunday of Easter

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 For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Myron Caster

CHORAL INTROIT *At the Name of Jesus* R. Vaughan Williams
Men's Chorus

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, John 14:6*

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

And also with you.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

*PSALM 31:1-5

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, and strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.