

*RESPONSE (Hymn 591, Refrain)

**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT (11:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING # (Pew Bible, p. 17 OT) Genesis 22:1-14

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING # (Pew Bible, p. 156 NT) Romans 6:12-23
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

SERMON *Free at Last!* 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.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Above All* Michael W. Smith
Steve Leake, Doris Villarreal, Ursula 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**

ANTHEM (11:00) *Come to the Table* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

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 772 *Live into Hope*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

VOLUNTARY *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus/All Hail King Jesus* arr. Tornquist

One final note: We are aware that this is a weekend leading to the celebration of our nation's heritage. We are grateful to God to be a part this great nation. We deal with one aspect of our heritage in the sermon today, and pray God's continued leadership among us. We chose to celebrate with a time in song and word this year on Memorial Day weekend. Today the service has echoes of that service in the prayer of confession and the concluding prayers following communion, even as our main focus appears, properly, to be otherwise.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) Ann Smith, (11:00) Carol Graham
** Deacon - (8:45) Mike Lee, (11:00) David Starnes
Acolyte - MacKenzie Aynes (11:00)

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The **flowers** in the sanctuary today are given by Paul and Sue Luce in recognition of their 46th Wedding Anniversary.

The **July Newsletter** has been produced and is available in the usual baskets in the narthex and the back hall.

Today's Schedule - July 2

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. - Called Session Meeting in the Library
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday—The church Office will be CLOSED in observance of Independence Day

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Deacons Meeting
(The Chancel Choir does not rehearse on Wednesdays during July)

Next Sunday - July 9

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



The Blood Mobile will be in the parking lot *next Sunday* for our quarterly **blood drive**. The ready availability of an adequate and safe blood supply remains a priority in this and every community. So come prepared to “roll of your sleeves” in this important ongoing effort.

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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July 2, 2017

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. Hayes

CHORAL INTROIT *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* Frayssé
Soloist (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, I Peter 2:9*

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

And also with you.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one that called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

*HYMN 336

We Gather Together

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you led people to this land, and out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed our heritage by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive the pride that prevents us from seeing our own shortcomings. Forgive the divisions caused by prejudice and greed. Have mercy on the heart of this great land. Help us to be compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Grant us the ability to always see and seek our nation's good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON