

\*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 #

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING # (Pew Bible, p. 2 OT) Genesis 3:1-6

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING # (Pew Bible, p. 157 NT) Romans 7:15-25a

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

*Hold Me, Rock Me*  
Chancel Choir

Brian Tate

#### 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 735

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

SERMON

*The Dark Side of the Force*

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 CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*  
Congregation (Hymn 466)

Jacques Berthier

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu—ia!**

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

*Fantasy Piece for Clarinet and Piano, Movement 3*  
Jessica Herring, clarinet; B.J. Mauldin, piano

Schumann

\*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 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE (11:00)

*Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*  
Chancel Choir

American folk melody

VOLUNTARY

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Carol Tornquist

#### FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Rick and Gwenda Aber in loving memory of Gwenda's mother, Mary M. Gordon.

## OUR INVITATION

Every service of worship invites us to consider our relationship to Jesus Christ and to his church. If you are not vitally involved in some community of faith, perhaps this congregation is the place where you can worship, find fellowship, grow, and share in our mission and witness to the world. If you would like to discuss this important matter, please indicate your interest on the registration of attendance pad or speak to the minister following the service.

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

# Elder - (8:45) Diane Beal, (11:00) Jan Fort  
\*\* Deacon - (8:45) Jerry McBain, (11:00) Holly Smith  
Acolyte (11:00) - Campbell Futrell

## THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Today's Schedule - July 9

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

### Wednesday

7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting in the Crossroads classroom

### Next Sunday - July 16

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
3:00 p.m. - Faith Builders *Summer Splash* at the Sloan's



Today is our quarterly Blood Drive.  
This is one of our important services to our community,  
so let's "roll up our sleeves."  
The Carter BloodCare Mobile will be here 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

An audio copy of both **today's sermon** and recent sermons may be found on the church website [fpcmesquite.org](http://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 09, 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 *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* Carol Tornquist

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

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Luke 4:18*  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### And also with you.

Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor and release to the captives.

\*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be consistently obedient. We have not always done your will, we have broken your law, and we have rebelled against your love. We have given in to anxiety and fear, when we could live in the peace of your Spirit. Rather than loving our neighbors we have often ignored them or been fearful of them. Forgive us and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON