

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, July 30

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting

Next Sunday, August 6 - Gospel Music Sunday

8:45 a.m. - Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. - Church Night Supper and Gospel Hymn Sing

Next Sunday will be *Gospel Music Sunday* all day. Our present hymnal contains many “gospel” songs—old and new. We will use the hymnal as our primary resource in the morning service, which includes the celebration of Holy Communion. Then, we invite everyone to bring a favorite dish to our Church Night Supper. We will explore the hymnal to find and sing some more favorites—old and new.

The **newsletter** for August has been produced and is available in the narthex and on the table at the stacked stone wall in the back hall.

The **choir** has been taking a break from Wednesday rehearsals for the past few weeks. Regular Wednesday rehearsals will resume at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9.

Sunday, August 13 has been designated as *Sending Sunday*. At the 11:00 a.m. service we will recognize and commission our 2017 graduating seniors as they move into the next phase of their life.

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 Ministries

B.J. Mauldin, Organist

Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant

Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

July 30, 2017

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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 are available from an usher. Let us worship God!*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Simple Gifts* Shaker Tune

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Psalm 100:1,2,5*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing.

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 299 *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to recognize admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF PRAISE (Hymn 628, v1)

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

**O God, I will tell the wonders of your love,
and glorify your name.**

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. 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 TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Phil Johnson
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.

ANTHEM *Seek Ye First* Lafferty
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING # (p. 326, OT) I Kings 19:4-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (p. 158, NT) Romans 8:31-39

*HYMN 824 *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

SERMON *Out of the Depths* 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

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SILENT PRAYER AND 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Your Love Compels Me* Tom Fettke
Eric Schwartz and Casey McCollough

*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 645 *Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY *The Joy of the Lord* arr. John Wilson

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) Beverlee Witty, (11:00) Richard Hoffman

** Deacon - (8:45) Suzanne Ivy, (11:00) Holly Smith

Acolyte - (11:00) Chloe Starnes

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Debra Ford to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her father and her sister, Lita.