

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, August 13

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

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday, August 20

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

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

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

Presbyterian Women will have a Salad Supper on Tuesday August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Wilbanks Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday rehearsals for the **choir** have resumed at 7:00 p.m. until WNL resumes, when they will be at 7:15 p.m.

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

August 13, 2017

19th 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 *Air* Gordon Young

INTROIT *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Vasile
Soloist (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Psalm 105:1,2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING # (*p. 34, OT*) Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (*p. 16, NT*) Matthew 14:22-33
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Devotion* John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Kay Alvarez

*HYMN 834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

SERMON *What Is Your Focus?* 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 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Mark Hayes
The Octet

*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**

AN ACT OF SENDING (11:00)
...as our graduated Seniors move to their next step

*HYMN 542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Isaiah 55:12
Chancel Choir (11:00)

VOLUNTARY *Baroque Trumpet* Gordon Young

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.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Duane and Joanne Moon to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Wanda Moon.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder of the Day - Ron Smith (8:45), Nathan Edling (11:00)
** Head Deacon - Michael Galloway (8:45), Holly Smith (11:00)
Acolyte - MacKenzie Aynes (11:00)