

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, August 20

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

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Salad Supper

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday, August 27 - *Blessing of the Backpacks*

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
8:45 a.m. - Morning Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Classes for all ages
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship



The kickoff meeting for the **Presbyterian Women** church year will be held Tuesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m. in Wilbanks Hall. There will be a pot-luck salad supper, a collection of donations of school supplies for Shaw Elementary School, and a presentation regarding the yearly Bible Study, *Cloud of Witnesses* by Dr. Carol Stephenson. The participant workbooks for the year will be available for \$11.00. All women of the church are invited. Whether you plan to attend the morning or evening session during the year, or even if you haven't thought about it yet, please consider joining us on Tuesday evening.

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

You are invited and encouraged to visit the new **Welcome Center** to volunteer to prepare one or more of our *Wednesday Night Live* meals in the upcoming season. The meals are a convenience for those who attend classes and activities on Wednesday nights. The load is always lighter when it is spread among the many. **Wednesday Night Live** resumes on September 13th.

The **Food Pantry** near the *north* entrance (the one that accesses the front of the sanctuary and church offices) is now located in the very first cabinet in the Welcome Center. There are also pantries near the *south* door (near the choir room) and near the (*west*) entrance to the Wilbanks Hall building. We are grateful to those who regularly support the pantry, which helps enable the ministry of Mesquite Social Services.

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 20, 2017

20th 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 or hymn sheets are available from an usher. Let us worship God!*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *They'll Know We Are Christians* Peter Scholtes

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Psalm 96:1,2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

O sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing and give praise to God's name;

tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips may tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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. 42, OT) Genesis 45:1-15

NEW TESTAMENT READING ♦ (p. 64, NT) Luke 6:27-36
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Psalm 86* Nygard
Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Dr. Carol Stephenson

*HYMN 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

SERMON *Overcoming* 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 *Touch the Sky* Hillsong
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**

*HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY *Jubilate* 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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - Ron Bettis (8:45), Eric Schwartz (11:00)

** Deacon - Terri White (8:45), Barbara Follonsbee (11:00)

Acolyte - Bailey Romine (11:00)

♦ Youth Readers - Elizabeth Ratzler (8:45), Madison Villafana (11:00)

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by John and Susan Scholl to the glory of God and in honor of their 48th Wedding Anniversary.