

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, September 10—*Rally Day!*

- 8:45 a.m. - Early Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 12:15 p.m. - Rally Day Luncheon

Wednesday—*Wednesday Night Live resumes!*

- 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Chimes Rehearsal
- 5:45 p.m. - Dinner in Wilbanks Hall
- 6:30 p.m. - Classes and Activities
- 7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. - Stated Session Meeting

Friday

- 5:00 p.m. - Youth leave for East Texas Youth Conference

Saturday

- 10:00 a.m. - Choir Retreat at Mauldin's home

Next Sunday, September 17

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

With the resumption of our Wednesday Night Live schedule, rehearsals for the **Chancel Choir** will be at 7:15 p.m. If you are interested in singing in the choir for Christmas only, please join us at B.J.'s on Saturday as we begin rehearsing our Christmas music. All are invited to join in as we worship the Lord together in song.

You are invited and encouraged to visit the **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 this Wednesday night. There is an activity for **you** to help nurture your faith.

The **Food Pantry** near the *north* entrance (the one that accesses the front of the sanctuary and church offices) is 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

September 10, 2017

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Rally Day!



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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 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Dale Wood

INTROIT *Great Are You, Lord* Smith
Soloist (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, II Corinthians 5:19*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

In Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is not perfect, our love is not constant, and our obedience is not complete. Day by day we fail to grow into the image you stamped upon us; but your love continues. For the sake of your Son, our Savior, as we confess our sins before you, in your tender love, forgive. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF PRAISE (Hymn 582, v1)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. A-men.**

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. 58, OT) Exodus 12:1-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING ♦ (p. 20, NT) Matthew 18:15-20
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Wilberg
Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN 472 *Kum ba Yah*

SERMON *Ghost* 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.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3rd GRADERS (11:00)

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS (11:00)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SILENT PRAYER, CONCLUDING PRAYER

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 *We Fall Down* Chris Tomlin
Doris Villarreal, soloist; Steve Leake, guitar

*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 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Will You Come and Follow Me* Scottish melody
Chancel Choir (11:00)

VOLUNTARY *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Dale Wood

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 - Larry Thomas (8:45), Elna Singleton (11:00)

** Deacon - Mike Lee (8:45), Anita Campbell (11:00)

♦ Youth Readers - Ashley Neece (8:45), Josh Edling (11:00)

Acolyte - Parker Villafana (11:00)

PLEASE STAY FOR LUNCH!

Following the 11:00 Service we gather in Wilbanks Hall for a Rally Day Hot Dog Lunch and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar. We are thankful to the Men's Council for cooking the hot dogs, the Christian Education Committee for providing the ice cream and toppings and for all who have provided trimmings and sides. A brief program will complete our Rally Day kickoff to an exciting new year in Christian Education and Nurture.