

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

First notice is hereby given of a **called congregational meeting** to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 10:15 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee. (We anticipate those who attend Sunday School will go to their classes as usual at 9:45, have the time of fellowship, take roll, and conduct any other business that may take place at the beginning of class. The bell will ring at 10:10 to dismiss to the sanctuary.)

Sunday, September 17

- 8:45 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 12:15 p.m. - Congregational Care Committee Meeting

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday—*Wednesday Night Live*

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

Next Sunday, September 24

- 7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. - Early Service
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:15 a.m. - Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 12:15 p.m. - Youth Bells
- 5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth/Parent planning/dinner meeting (Bring \$5 and your event calendars)

Erin Williams and several of our youth are at the East Texas Youth Conference this weekend. Let us pray for their safe return this afternoon.

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 17, 2017

24th 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 *Lead, Kindly Light* Dale Wood

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Galatians 6:14*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We often ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life, so we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. 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. 61, OT) Exodus 14:19-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (p. 20, NT) Matthew 18:21-35
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) *I Hear the Prophet Callin'* Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir; John Kusewitt, soloist

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00—Hymnal, p. 14)
Hannah Rose Leake, daughter of Andy and Katie Leake

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey

*HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

SERMON *Overcoming an Insurmountable Obstacle* Harry C. Meissner

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:45) 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 OF THE CHURCH

SILENT PRAYER AND 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 *On Holy Ground* arr. John Leavitt
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**

*HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Tune* 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 - David Howard (8:45), Susan Leake (11:00)
** Deacon - Karen Hunt (8:45), Brandon Hall (11:00)
Acolyte - Chloe Starnes (11:00)

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clifford Moon by his children, Dwayne Moon, Jimmy Moon, and Sharon Moon.