

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Final notice is given of a **called congregational meeting** in the sanctuary today at 10:15 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and act upon the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee. (Sunday School classes meet, take roll, conduct any business, then leave for the sanctuary at 10:10 a.m.)

Sunday, September 24

- 7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 10:15 a.m. - Called Congregational Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 12:15 a.m. - Youth Bells
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth/Parent Planning Meeting, with Dinner

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

Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. - Grace presbytery meets at FPC, Tyler
- 9:00 a.m. - Choir "painting party" in the choir room

Next Sunday, October 1

- 8:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 12:15 p.m. - Youth Bells
- 4:30 p.m. - Annual Church Picnic at Town Center Park
(356 Tripp Rd., Sunnyvale)
- 5:30 p.m. - Picnic Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. - Brief Vespers Service

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 24, 2017

16th 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 "Prelude on 'Lauda Anima'" John Behnke

INTROIT Great Are You, Lord Smith
Duet (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 his wonderful works.

*HYMN 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be consistently obedient. We have not always done your will, we have broken your law, and we have rebelled against your love. We have given in to anxiety and fear, when we could live in the peace of your Spirit. Rather than loving our neighbors we have often ignored them or been fearful of them. Forgive us and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF PRAISE (Hymn 614)

**Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;
by your power we trust in your love.**

**Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;
by your mercy you prove you are love.**

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

**Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
great— are you, Lord! Great— are you, Lord!**

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. 62, OT) Exodus 16:2-15

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (p. 21, NT) Matthew 20:1-16
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) My Eternal King Jane Marshall
Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Dr. Carol Stephenson

*HYMN 719 Come, Labor On

SERMON It Still Doesn't Seem Fair 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 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 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above Lloyd Larson
Brenda Greer and Paula Kusewitt

*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 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY "Psalm 19" Benedetto Marcello

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 - Sheila Hammer (8:45), Jan Sloan (11:00)
** Deacon - Elizabeth Ratzer (8:45), Brandon Hall (11:00)
Acolyte - Zoe Futrell (11:00)

We welcome Grady Coyle to the organ console again this morning as B.J. Mauldin takes a day of vacation. We have appreciated his considerable talents shared with us on past occasions and look forward to his leadership in our worship.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers today are given by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Finley to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Hanby.