

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

For a final Sunday there is an insert in the bulletin to solicit **officer nominations** on behalf of the Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC). This congregation has a good record of assisting CONC by suggesting these names. This is a really important time in the life of the church to be selecting elders and deacons for strong governing bodies this next year, and this is the deadline for submission of names.

The **newsletter** for October tells of the many things that are going on at FPC. You may find one at the Welcome Center or in the Narthex.

Sunday, October 8

- 8:45 a.m. - Early Service
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 12:15 p.m. - Youth Bells
- 5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Meeting

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee

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
- 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Friday

- 7:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Support Elizabeth Rutzer at Dallas Christian School Home Coming Game

Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth - Set up for P.W. Gathering
- 9:30 a.m. - P.W. Fall Gathering

Next Sunday, October 15

- 8:45 a.m. - Early Service
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 12:15 p.m. - Youth Bells

Our quarterly **Blood Drive** is *next* Sunday. With all the natural and now human disasters, the nation's blood supply has been diminished. Let's do our part to keep supplies in good shape in our area. We never know when they will be drawn upon.

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.

THOSE WHO SERVE

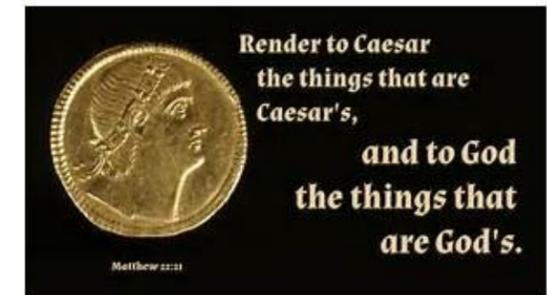
Harry C. Meissner, Interim Pastor
Casey McCollough, Director of Music Ministries
B.J. Mauldin, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 8, 2017

27th 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 *Air* G.F. Handel

INTROIT *There Is a Redeemer* Melody Green
Soloist (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Psalm 95:1,2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*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 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

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 591, Refrain*)

**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

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. 66, OT*) Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING ♦ (*p. 24, NT*) Matthew 22:15-22
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Prayer of St. Francis* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Dr. Carol Stephenson

*HYMN 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

SERMON *The Untongued Tang* 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 *Deep River* arr. Moses Hogan
Dave Edling, soloist

*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 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Guide My Feet* African American spiritual
Chancel Choir (11:00)

VOLUNTARY *Allegro Resoluto* G.F. Handel

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 - Matt Armstrong (8:45), Meg Garver-Hamilton (11:00)
** Deacon - Mike Lee (8:45), Doris Villarreal (11:00)
♦ Youth Readers - Victoria Stormer (8:45), Autumn Futrell (11:00)
Acolyte - Bailey Romine (11:00)