

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The **Blood Mobile is here today** from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The various natural disasters remind us of the importance of keeping blood supplies current. If you are able, do be part of this important effort.

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

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education 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

Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. - Teacher Training

Next Sunday, October 22

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. - Faith Builders meet at Scrumbscious Pie Company then go to Gentle Zoo in Forney

The **Fall Festival** is almost upon us. It is Wednesday, October 25th. There is a place for you in this great outreach to our community.

The **Fall Garage Sale** is a week from Saturday, on October 28th. This is an important support of our Benevolences. You may bring sale items to the Fellowship Hall at any time, or to the sale. We can use all the help we can get in setting up, running the sale, and taking down after. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MESQUITE

FALL FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25
FROM 6:00 TO 8:00

- Goody Bag Shuffle
- Bounce Houses
- Police and Fire Truck
- Free Fingerprinting
- Games
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Photos
- Register for door prizes
- Concessions

Frito Chili Pie, Hot Dogs, Popcorn and Soft drinks

FREE FINGERPRINTING BY THE MESQUITE CITIZENS POLICE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Visit us at fpcmesquite.com for more news or call 972-285-5602!

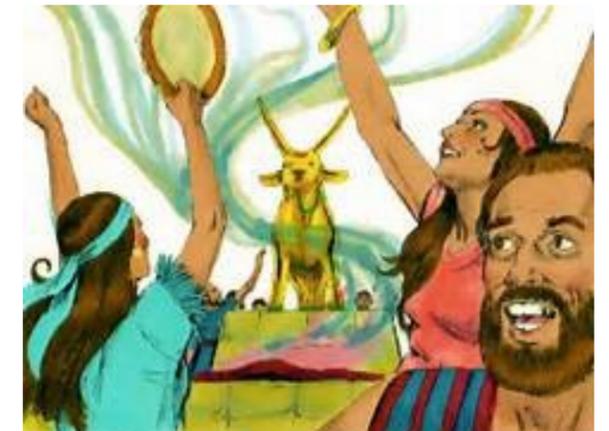
BRING OUT A DONATION **reverse9** REVERSING HUNGER collecting donations, both non-perishable and monetary, for our community.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 15, 2017

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 *Voluntary in A* William Shelby

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Psalm 106:1*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*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

*RESPONSE *(Hymn 71, Refrain)*

**Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure— defense,
and he will be my Savior**

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. 78, OT)* Exodus 32:1-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING # *(p. 198, NT)* Philippians 4:1-9
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *(11:00)* *Canticle of Fellowship* Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Steve Leak

*HYMN 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

SERMON *A Rather Unsatisfactory Substitute* 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 *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. Beck
Brenda Greer, 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 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY *Sorti* Noel Rawsthorne

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 - Sue Bohmer *(8:45)*, Clarence Greer *(11:00)*
** Deacon - Terri White *(8:45)*, Anita Campbell *(11:00)*
Acolyte - Campbell Futrell *(11:00)*

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers today are given by Victor and Karen Carboni to the glory of God and in celebration of their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

WELCOME TO THE CONSOLE

We are pleased to welcome Grady Coyle once again to the organ console as B.J. Mauldin takes a day of vacation.