

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, October 22

- 7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
- 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

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. - CONC (Church Officer Nominating Committee) Meeting

Wednesday—Fall Festival

- 5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth set-up for Fall Festival
- 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Fall Festival - Fun for the entire family
- 8:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth clean-up from the Fall Festival

Saturday—Garage Sale

- 7:00 a.m. - Set Up for Garage Sale
- 9:00 a.m. - Garage Sale (until 3:00 p.m.)
- 3:00 p.m. - Take Down Garage Sale

Next Sunday, October 29

- 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

The **Fall Festival** is upon us! It is Wednesday night. There is a place for you in this great outreach to our community, and we need "all hands on deck." The Fall Festival, of course, replaces most Wednesday night activities.

The Fall **Garage Sale** is this Saturday, October 28th. This is an important support of our Benevolences. We can use all the help we can get in setting up, which begins at 7:00 a.m.; running the sale, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; and taking down after, from 3:00 p.m. to finish. Lets take another pass at those drawers, closets, garages, and attics. (And, who knows, you may find something at the sale to replace in the spaces you created!)

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

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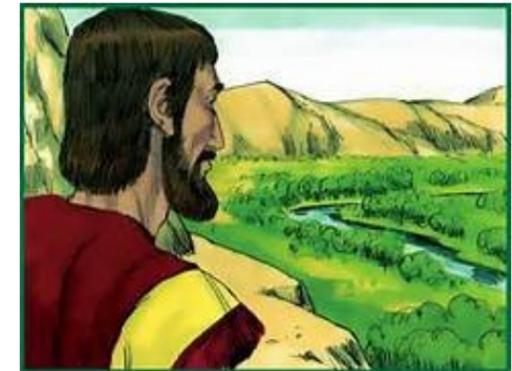
BRING OUT A DONATION
reverse
REVERSING HUNGER
collecting donations, both
non-perishable and monetary,
for our community.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 22, 2017

29th 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 Variations on Dale Wood
"Es flog ein kleines Waldvoegelein"

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Psalm 90:1,2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips may tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 447*)

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (11:00) *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord* arr. Redman
Youth Choir

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS Rich Follansbee
Reminding you about the Fall Festival this Wednesday,
October 25, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON # (*p. 191, OT*) Deuteronomy 34:1-12

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON # (*p. 203, NT*) I Thessalonians 1:1-10
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Psalm 139* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Dr. Carol Stephenson
At the 11:00 service, when this time is concluded, children pre-school through 2nd grade are invited to join the leader to go to children's church. The rest may return to sit with their family in the sanctuary.

*HYMN 825 *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

SERMON *Even If You Don't Make It* 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 *Steal Away* arr. Burleigh
Casey McCollough, soloist (8:45)
Ring Joyous with the Sound arr. Wagner
Youth Handbell Chorus (11:00)

*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 733 *We All Are One in Mission*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY *Tocatta in E-minor* Johann Pachelbel

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 - George Venner (8:45), Paul Luce (11:00)
** Deacon - Kay Alvarez (8:45), Barbara Follansbee (11:00)
Acolyte - Parker Villafana (11:00)

WELCOME TO THE CONSOLE

We are pleased to welcome Grady Coyle to the organ console for one last Sunday as B.J. Mauldin completes her vacation time.