

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Today, November 5

- 8:45 a.m. - Early Service
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:45 a.m. - Called Congregational Meeting to act upon CONC report
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 12:15 p.m. - Youth Bells
- 5:00 p.m. - Reformation Service at FPC Garland

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Day Circle
- 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

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

Next Sunday, November 12 - Ron Holloman, pulpit guest

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Second notice is hereby given of a **called congregational meeting**, to be held in the church sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. today, November 5, 2017. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and act upon the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee,

There are some dates ahead that we need to have in mind:

- November 16 - Our **Pastor-elect** will be received by Grace Presbytery
- November 19 - Our **Pastor-elect** will preach at both morning services
- The **Men's Thanksgiving Dinner** will be that evening
- December 2 - **Annual Christmas Bazaar** (9:00-3:00)

There are **Food Pantries** near the *north* entrance (in the Welcome Center), 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 most 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

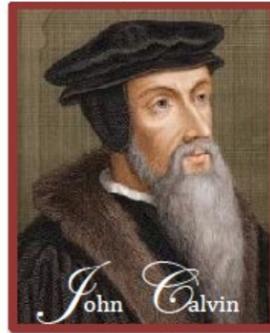
Harry C. Meissner, Interim Pastor
Casey McCollough, Director of Music Ministries
B.J. Mauldin, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

Reformation 500

The Eastern Dallas County Cluster of Presbyterian Churches will worship together in celebration of the

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

The year 2017 will mark 500 years since Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany in October, 1517, sparking the Protestant Reformation.



Sunday, November 5, 2017
First Presbyterian Church of Garland
930 West Avenue B
Garland, TX

4:30 - Combined Choir Rehearsal
6:00 - Worship Service

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

November 5, 2017

31st 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 *For All the Saints* arr. Wagner

INTROIT *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Berthier
Soloist (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Hebrews 12:1*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 581*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A—men. 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

THE FIRST READING # (*p. 249, NT*) Revelation 7:9-17

THE SECOND READING # (*p. 104, NT*) John 10:22-30
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (*11:00*) *With a Voice of Singing* Kenneth Jennings
Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES ♦

*At 11:00 a.m., when this time is concluded, children in **pre-school through 2nd Grade** may go to Children's Church. The rest may return to sit with their family in the sanctuary.*

*HYMN 375 *Shall We Gather at the River*

SERMON *Who Are These Robed in White?* 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Revelation Song* Kari Jobe
Doris and Ursula Villarreal; Stephen Leake, guitar

*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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 326 *For All the Saints*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Give Thanks* Henry Smith
The Octet (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

VOLUNTARY *All Hail the Power* arr. Giamanco

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 - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45), Phil Johnson (11:00)

** Deacon - Jerry McBain (8:45), Sherry Futrell (11:00)

♦ Young Disciples Presenters - Ashley Neece (8:45),

Madison Villafana and Autumn Futrell (11:00)

Acolyte - Jacquelyn Calhoun (11:00)