

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Today, November 12

- 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

Thursday

- 1:00 p.m. - Our pastor-elect will be received and his call presented by Grace Presbytery, meeting at FPC, Arlington (The Church address is 1200 South Collins)

Saturday

- 8:30 a.m. - Church Officer Training at Lake Highlands Presbyterian Church
- 10:00 a.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Bake and Fellowship at the Church for Men's Council Bake Sale

Next Sunday, November 19 - E. Jones Doughton preaching

- 8:45 a.m. - Early Service
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
- 9:45 a.m. - Reception and "Meet and Greet" with our pastor-elect
Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 12:15 p.m. - Youth Bells
- 6:00 p.m. - Men's Thanksgiving Dinner

The **Men's Thanksgiving Dinner** is next Sunday evening. This is a popular annual event at FPC, and a familiar part of our Thanksgiving observance. Tickets are available at the Welcome Center.

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)

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

November 12, 2017

32nd 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 *Let All Things Now Living* Frank Stoldt

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 34*

We are here to serve God through our worship.

Blessing and glory and wisdom be to our God.

We are here to be purified and equipped for our work of ministry.

Thanksgiving and honor be to our God forever.

We are here to be guided toward all who need us.

Power and might be to our God forever and ever.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

Magnify our God with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know our sin, O God, our present sin and those past; our spirit's debts, and our body's; sinning to please ourselves and to please others; incidental transgressions, some careless, others deliberate; sin we know, but conveniently forget, hide from memory and keep from others. Though all of it is beyond our reckoning, none of it, we pray, is beyond Your mercy. We rely upon Your power to absolve and deliver, Your goodness that is stronger than frailty. We ask your forgiveness for Christ's sake. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters in Christ: the Lord redeems the life of the chosen. Truly, none who take refuge in God will be condemned.

We know this because:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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

THE FIRST READING ♦ *(p. 204, NT)* I Thessalonians 4:13-18

THE SECOND READING ♦ *(p. 28, NT)* Matthew 25:1-13
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *(11:00)* *Cantique de Jean Racine* arr. Fauré/Rutter
Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Carol Graham
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 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

SERMON *It's Time* Ron Holloman

*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 *(8:45)* *The Lord is My Shepherd* Hanson
Casey McCollough, soloist
(11:00) *O God, Beyond all Praising* Farley
Duet: Dave Edling and Eric Schwatz

*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 354 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *(11:00)* *Give Thanks* Henry Smith
Chancel Choir

VOLUNTARY *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Wayne Wold

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 and 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 - Bryan Ratzert (8:45), Roger Foltz (11:00)
♦ Youth Readers - Joshua Edling (8:45), Madison Starnes (11:00)
** Deacon - Suzanne Ivy (8:45), Brandon Hall (11:00)
Acolyte - Zoe Futrell (11:00)

WELCOME TO THE PULPIT

We are to again welcome Dr. Ronnie G. Holloman to preach and lead worship this morning. Ron is currently the Director of Ministry and Transitions, but his retirement date is December 31, 2017. We welcome him today and wish him the best in retirement.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Daniel and Kay Alvarez to the glory of God and in celebration of Rebecca Rosencrans' birthday (Kay's daughter).