

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Clarence Greer (8:45); Ann Smith (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers - Gina Villafana, Madison Villafana,
Taylor Hammer, and Brittany Anderson

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Duane and Joanne Moon in loving memory of Duane's father, Clifford Moon.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, September 19

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
12:00 p.m. - Faith Builders go to Cici's Pizza for fellowship & fun
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Event meet at Kearney's
Feed Yard, 3602 N Belt Line Rd., Mesquite, TX 75150

Tuesday, September 21

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, September 22

1:00 p.m. - The Outreach Committee will meet in person
7:00 p.m. - Mission Committee Meeting will meet in person

Sunday, September 26

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Saturday, October 2

Addressing Mesquite Day

Sunday, October 3 - World Wide Communion

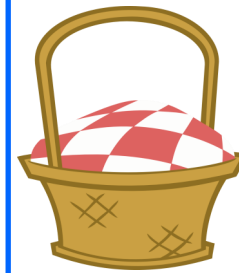
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
4:30 p.m. - Church Picnic & Vespers, Sunnyvale Town Center Park

Mark your calendars: Annual Church Picnic and Vespers Service

Sunday, October 3, 4:30 p.m.
Town Center Park, 356 Tripp Road, in Sunnyvale.
Town Center Park is located
between Belt Line and Collins Road, but is closer to Collins.

Ben Clifton will once again lead our Vespers Service.

We would like to know if you will be attending and how many will be in your group, because the church will provide box lunches and bottled drinks.



The boxed meals have the following options that people can choose from when they make their reservations.

Ham	Organic Grain Bun
Turkey	All-Butter Croissant
Chicken Salad	Organic Wheat Wrap

Vegetarian Option: Spinach Veggie Wrap

All boxed meals come with chips and a chocolate chip cookie.



Faith Builders Event
Sunday, September 19 at 12:00 p.m.
has changed they will now go to
Cici's Pizza
1200 East Davis, Ste 122
Fun & Fellowship



17th Annual Addressing Mesquite Day Saturday, October 2

Addressing Mesquite Day is held in partnership with the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite. The annual one-day event focuses on home repairs needed by senior citizens, single parents, military veterans and disabled homeowners in Mesquite.

Sign-up sheets and volunteer forms can be found in the welcome center. If you have questions, please see Eric Schwartz.

THE CHALLENGE



The 100 Can Challenge continues as we go forward in 2021. Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our current total for September is **93 items**. Thank you to all for your continued support.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries
Ryoji Shimpo, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 19, 2021

AND UNTO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA
WRITE: THESE THINGS SAITH THE FIRST AND THE LAST,
WHICH WAS DEAD, AND IS ALIVE:
-REVELATION 2:8 KJV

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. Let us worship God!*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Legende* Lani Smith

INTROIT *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* Geron Davis
We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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

And also to you.

You, O Lord, are our strength and our shield, our rock and our salvation. You, O Lord, are Holy, You alone are Perfect Love, You alone are perfect Truth; and You, O Lord, are alone worthy of praise. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 270 *O Lord, You Are My God and King*

O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will ever bless your name;
I will extol you every day, and evermore your praise proclaim.
You, Lord, are greatly to be praised;
your greatness is beyond our thought;
all generations shall tell forth
the mighty wonders you have wrought.

How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of compassion, merciful,
your anger always slow to rise; your steadfast love you show to all,
for you are good in all your ways;
your creatures know your constant care.
To all your works your love extends;
all souls your tender mercies share.

Your works will give you thanks, O Lord;
your saints your mighty acts will show,
till all the peoples of the earth your kingdom, power, glory know.
Eternal is your kingdom, Lord, forever strong, forever sure;
while generations rise and die, your high dominion will endure.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, this morning we bring You our confession. We confess we have gone astray. Shepherd us, Lord. We confess we often love You half-heartedly. Make us whole, Lord. We confess we trivialize Your sacrifice. Give us perspective, Lord. We confess we find most of our strength in ourselves. Be our strength, Lord. We confess little zeal for Your glory. Give us passion, Lord. We confess we've done so many things wrong. Forgive us, Lord. We confess we often don't love You well. Love us, Lord. Hear our prayers, O Lord. We ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ, who exchanges our confession for abundant life in Him. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Knowing, Gracious God, challenge our minds where they need to be challenged, encourage our wills where they need encouragement, comfort our hearts where they need comforting, in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 16:13-18*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Revelation 2:8-11*

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life: "I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Doughton

At this time all young disciples are asked to stay seated with their family.

*HYMN 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

SERMON *The Church at Smyrna* Rev. Doughton

*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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*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.**

*HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Give Praise to the Lord (vs 1)*

Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
amid all the saints God's praises prolong;
a song to your Maker and Ruler now raise,
all children of Zion: rejoice and give praise.

*VOLUNTARY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Franklin Ritter