

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

ELDER:	DEACON:	TRUSTEE
Susan K Farmer _____	Debra L Ford _____	Phil L Johnson, Jr _____
Sheila J Hammer _____	Nicolas A Scholl _____	
Stephen A Leake _____	David C Stormer _____	
Michael H Lee _____	Bennett J Doughton (Youth Deacon) _____	
D Renee Stormer _____		

The Session approved the following motion: "We propose that the congregation of First Presbyterian Church Mesquite, Texas sell approximately two acres located behind the former manse to Open Door Baptist Church. Open Door Baptist Church will pay First Presbyterian Church \$30,000.00 for the land. Open Door Baptist Church will cover the related expenses as well. The proceeds will go to Capital Improvements to the Buildings and Grounds. These projects will be under the direction of the Property Committee."

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Meg GarverHamilton in loving memory of her daughter, Karen Garver.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

8:00 a.m. - Addressing Mesquite Day
 Please meet at the church to consolidate, parking is limited.
 Please bring lawn care equipment i.e. ladders, brush and limb clearing equipment, gloves, etc.
 The address is 4336 Flamingo Way

Sunday, October 3 - World Wide Communion

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both services
 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

Tuesday, October 5

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

Sunday, October 10 - Blood Drive

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School



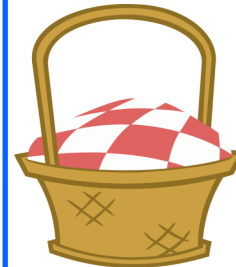
THE CHALLENGE

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 **309 items. Thank you to all for your continued support.**

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.



Use this link to sign up for our next blood drive, Sunday, October 10, 2021.
https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/119915

This drive will have 30 slots for donors, our goal is to have at least 20 or more successful donors.



The need for donors right now is important, and our drive will help the community. Let's be mission-minded and save lives through our donation of blood.



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.



Faith Builders Grades K through 5th

We had a great September event and picked out newest Faith Builders T-shirt. Please send your child's size to Suzanne or Amanda so we can place the order.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 26, 2021



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 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Charity Book Putman

*INTROIT *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* Geron Davis
Chancel Choir

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; Psalm 34:1, 22, 3)*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

We will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in our mouths. The Lord redeems the lives of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned. O magnify the Lord with me and let us worship His name together.

*HYMN 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Good, and Merciful God, in Your Presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your Ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Richard Mauldin
Budget Committee Chair

ANTHEM *African Alleluia* Jay Athouse
Chancel Choir
Sing alleluia, alleluia

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All knowing God, Your Word is sharper than a two-edged sword. As we hear it read and preached today may it pierce any walls that would keep us from hearing Your Word to us. In Jesus name we pray. 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 2:12-17*

"And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword:

"I know where you are living, where Satan's throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practice fornication. So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

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 816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

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 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Give Praise to the Lord (vs 1)* C. Hubert H. Parry
Chancel Choir

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 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* arr. Lani Smith

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - David Howard,
Richard Mauldin, Robbie and Michael Lee

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