

Second 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."

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, October 3 - Worldwide 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

Wednesday, October 6

6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, October 9

8:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth - Pitchfork Pumpkin Patch Movie Night
 Featuring: Hotel Transylvania 2

Sunday, October 10 - Blood Drive

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

Wednesday, October 13

6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Practice
 7:00 p.m. - Joint Officer Meeting in the sanctuary

Sunday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 19

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

Wednesday, October 20

6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, October 23

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Garage Sale

Sunday, October 24

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

12:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth and Faith Builders go to Pitchfork Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, October 30

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Fall Festival

Join us for our 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.



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.



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.

Fall Festival, Saturday, October 30, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Volunteer Sign Ups (sign-up sheet at the welcome center)

- **Trunk or Treat Cars-**
- **Cake Walk Desserts-** (should be little Debbie type desserts no homemade goods)
- **Volunteers for the day**
- **Security**
- **Bounce Houses**
- **Games** (Games will be run by the Youth)
- **Music** (Goody Bag Shuffle)



**We need your help!
 Please sign-up Today!**



THE CHALLENGE

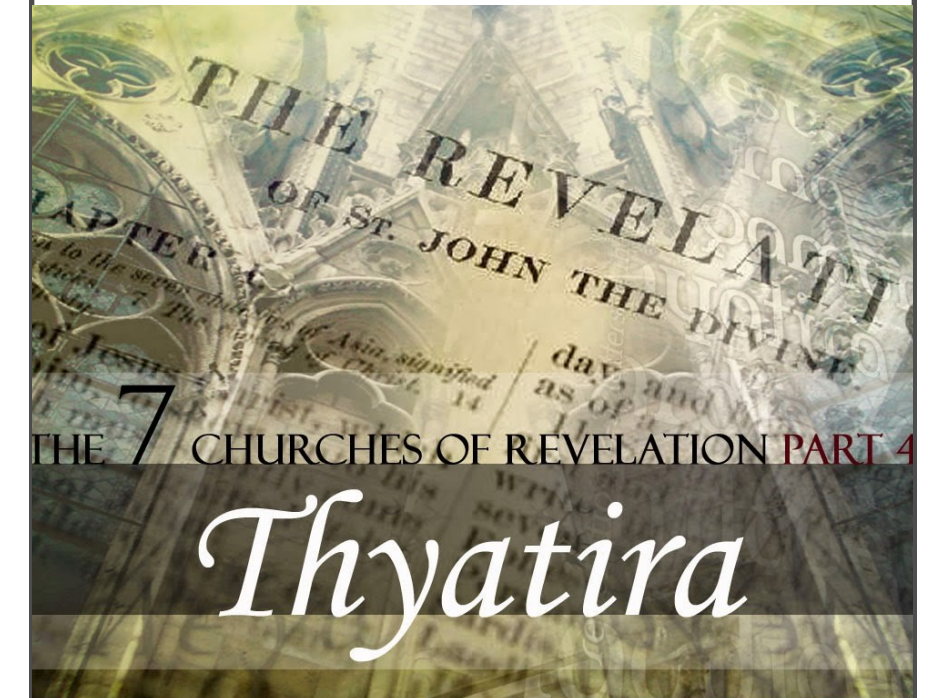
The 100 Can Challenge continues as we go forward in 2021. Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our total for September was **344 items**. **Thank you to all for your continued support.**

THOSE WHO SERVE

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

OCTOBER 3, 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 *Alone in Autumn* Christopher Norton

*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 81:1-2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Raise a song, sound the tambourine, and the sweet lyre. Sing aloud to God our strength.

*HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, Your love for us is so very evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of Your great care for us. Yet, when it comes to following You, we confess that we often don't surrender our entire selves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control instead of releasing them to Your loving care. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Forgive us for frequently saying one thing and doing another. May our words and our actions line up. Make us willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, knowing full well that You will never leave us or forsake us. We pray this humbly, in Christ's Name. 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 Mission Committee
(8:45) David Howard & (11:00) Sheryl Miller

ANTHEM *Come to the Table* arr. Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. As Your Word is read and preached may it guide us in the right path, may it direct our steps, and may it lead us to our hearts true desire 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 2:18-29*

"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze: "I know your works—your love, faith, service, and patient endurance. I know that your last works are greater than the first. But I have this against you: you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet and is teaching and beguiling my servants to practice fornication and to eat food sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her fornication. Beware, I am throwing her on a bed, and those who commit adultery with her I am throwing into great distress, unless they repent of her doings; and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am the one who searches minds and hearts, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve. But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call 'the deep things of Satan,' to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden; only hold fast to what you have until I come. To everyone who conquers and continues to do my works to the end, I will give authority over the nations; to rule them with an iron rod, as when clay pots are shattered—even as I also received authority from my Father. To the one who conquers I will also give the morning star. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches

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 834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

SERMON *The Church at Thyarita* 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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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 *La Diane* François Couperin

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson *(8:45)*; Ann Smith *(11:00)*
Deacon/Ushers - Nick Scholl
and Terri Bragg