

Today, Sunday October 10, there will be a **called congregational meeting**, in the church sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. 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.” The congregation will vote on this as well.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, October 10 - Blood Drive

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:40 a.m. - Called Congregational Meeting

Use this link to sign up for today’s blood drive

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.

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

1:00 p.m. - Outreach Committee Meeting
 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. - Youth & Faith Builders Pitchfork Pumpkin patch

Monday, October 25

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Saturday, October 30

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

Sunday, October 31

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MESQUITE

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE

Christmas shopping has never been easier!



Saturday, November 6, 2021

8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Mesquite, TX

North Parking Lot: 1028 S. Belt Line Road, Mesquite, Texas 75149

972-285-5602

Now accepting Vendor Applications!

The FPC Women’s Retreat Committee is proud to present the FPC Christmas Marketplace. Holiday shopping could not be any easier featuring handmade items, jewelry, special gifts, pecans, tamales, and our ever-popular baked goods.

A vendor space is \$40; please register by November 1, 2021 as space is limited, contact Carol Graham at 214.498.2336 or visit FPC website. Call for availability after this date.

Proceeds from vendor fees will benefit the FPC Women’s Retreat.

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 current total for October is **65 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

OCTOBER 10, 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 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Lani Smith

*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 84:1, 5, 12*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! Happy are those whose strength are in You, For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.

*HYMN 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have done those things that which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O Merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your 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 Worship
(8:45) Sue Bohmer & (11:00) Gracy Thomas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, as Your word says, You are our light and our salvation,- Whom shall we fear. As we hear Your Word read and proclaimed may we see Your light, may our souls delight in Your saving ways, and may we act without fear but with full confidence 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 3:1-6*

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember then what you received and heard; obey it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. Yet you have still a few persons in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. 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 407 *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

SERMON *The Church at Sardis* 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 548 *May God Support You All Your Days*

*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 *Delight In the Lord* James South Bridge

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty *(8:45)*; Elna Singleton *(11:00)*

Deacon/Ushers - Robbie Lee,
Eric Schwartz and Michael Lee