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Sunday, September 10

Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Ginger Conley 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 13

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner 6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Classes 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting in Crossroads

Saturday, September 16

2:00 p.m. - Memorial Service for Mary Sullivan

Sunday, September 17

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages 12:00 p.m. - Lemonade Social 6:30 p.m. - Youth/Parent Meeting



Tuesday, September 19

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting in Crossroads

Wednesday, September 20

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner 6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Classes 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 24

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 for all ages

Wednesday, September 27

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner 6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Classes 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 1 - World Wide Communion (both services)

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

4:00 p.m. - All Church Picnic - Town Center Park in Sunnyvale 5:00 p.m. - Dinner served 356 E Tripp Rd

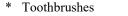
6:00 p.m. - Vesper Service

Saturday, October 7 - Addressing Mesquite Day

9:00 a.m. - Meet at 2518 Rosewood Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150

Mesquite ISD no longer has a clothes closet and they are now running a "hygiene drive" to benefit the students. They are in desperate need of the items listed below:

- * Travel size deodorant
- * Chapstick/Lip balm
- * Socks
- Drawstring/stretch waistband shorts
- Travel size lotion
- * Travel size toothpaste



* Feminine hygiene products

Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey will collect the much needed items for Wilkinson Middle School. The last day to donate is Sunday, September 24, 2023.



SIGN UP FOR CLASSES AND DINNER AT THE WELCOME CENTER CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE, OR EMAI RSTORMER.FPC@SBCGLOBAL NET



The scheduled October meeting with LWLTL clashed with our Women's Retreat on October 21st. LWLTL were gracious enough to move the meeting to Sat., October 14th, in order to accommodate us. The meeting will be held at First Baptist Church Kleberg, and our mission is to collect toys for Sharing Life for Christmas. We will

be collecting those from now until October 13th. You may place your donations at the end of the hall near the Welcome Center.

THE CHALLENGE



The 100 Can Challenge continues . . . 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. Thus far in September we collected 26 items. Thank You!

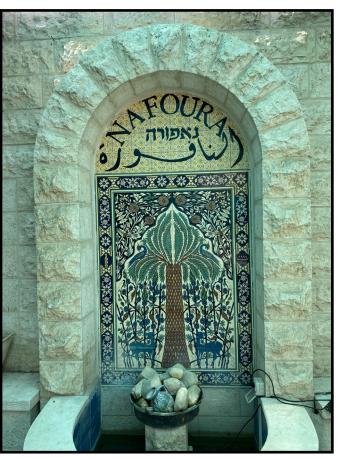
THOSE WHO SERVE

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 10, 2023 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Cover Picture

This image from the Nafoura Restaurant has appeared before as a cover picture. When I read a reference to "the tree" in today's lesson, this image comes to mind. Even though "Nafoura" means Fountain-I think of the tree in the mosaic.



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

PRELUDE	This Is My Father's World	arr. R.A. Williamson
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INTROIT 243 Jacques Berthier Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

And also to you.

The Lord is the giver of all good things. The Lord has given hope to the world. The Lord gives us faith so we may stand. The Lord guides us and works to conform us to the image of Jesus Christ. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 370

This Is My Father's World

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Might, Mercy, and Compassion; in Jesus Christ we behold Your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Focused on ourselves, we fail to see Your work in the world. We speak when we should listen, we act when we should reflect. Give us strength to live in Your light and to walk in Your ways, for the sake of Him Who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and 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

ANTHEM	Send Down the Rain	arr. Joyce Eilers
	Chancel Choir	•

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 +

Genesis 2:15-17

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

SECOND SCRIPTURE The woman said to t		Genesis 3:2-6 eat of the fruit of the	PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYE		
trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of t the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall yo or you shall die.''' But the serpent said to the woman, not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your ey opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.		nor shall you touch it, the woman, "You will of it your eyes will be ag good and evil." So od for food, and that it e was to be desired to	Our Father, Who an kingdom come, Thy Give us this day our we forgive our debu deliver us from evil and the glory, forev	Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowe kingdom come, Thy will be done, on ear Give us this day our daily bread; and fo we forgive our debtors; and lead us not deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kin and the glory, forever. Amen. INVITATION TO THE OFFERING	
		and he ate.	PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFER		
	said, "See, the man h	<i>Genesis 3:22-24</i> man has become like one of	OFFERTORY	<i>Immortal, Invisible</i> Ryoji Shimpo, pianist	
and take also from the therefore the LORD (to till the ground from an; and at the ear cherubim, and a swo	he tree of life, and ea God sent him forth fro m which he was take st of the garden of	ight reach out his hand it, and live forever" im the garden of Eden, en. He drove out the Eden he placed the g to guard the way to	Praise God from wh Praise Him, all crea Praise Him above, y	*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. Am	
the tree of life. The Word of the Lord.			*PRAYER OF DEDICATION †		
	be to God.		*HYMN 841	God I	
*HYMN 803	My Shepher	d Will Supply My Need	*CHARGE AND BENI	EDICTION	
sounding nonsense the spiritual powers of the Christ lives all the fur- are complete through over every ruler and were "circumcised," performed a spiritual sinful nature. For your baptized. And with the trusted the mighty pro- dead. You were dead nature was not yet of Christ, for He forgave charges against us an this way, he disarm	ture you with empty pat come from human this world, rather that llness of God in a human your union with Cl authority. When you but not by a physical circumcision the were buried with im you were raised to ower of God, Who because of your sins a cut away. Then God e all our sins. He can d took it away by nai	<i>Colossians 2:8-15</i> philosophies and high- thinking and from the an from Christ. For in man body. So you also hrist, Who is the head u came to Christ, you ical procedure. Christ cutting away of your Christ when you were o new life because you raised Christ from the and because your sinful made you alive with heceled the record of the iling it to the cross. In rs and authorities. He hem on the cross.	O God, You are O God, You are I will and I wi And s and I wi *POSTLUDE <i>My She</i> Elder # - N Me Deacon/Ushers † - John John Futrell, MacKenzie Youth Reader • - Di Getting to	iana Clifton (8:45); Mack Know the Guest	
1		Rev. Dr. Conley	Rev. Dr. Ginger Herter Presbyterian Church, Dur		
SERMON Who Is Jesus? *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:45) I believe in God, the Father Almighty, earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only So conceived by the Holy Ghost, born suffered under Pontius Pilate, was		Apostles' Creed Maker of heaven and a, our Lord; Who was of the Virgin Mary, crucified, dead, and	Fuller Theological Seminary. At FPCD, she ministry using biblical storytelling, working businesses, school, and church leadership. Sh Conversations for community leaders and conti Council on occasion, as well as works with the I and First Presbyterian led large festivals to brir together. She and First Presbyterian organized a		

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.

ntly retired as pastor of First a Doctor of Ministry from he actively pursued public ing with city government, She organized Community ontinues to speak to the City e Duncanville Chamber. She oring the diverse community together. She and First Presbyterian organized a Community Chorus which was invited to sing Handel's Messiah at Carnegie Hall in New York. The Duncanville Chamber named Ginger, Duncanville 2018 Woman of the Year. Ginger and her husband Allen Conley married in December 2021; both having been widowed. Together their adult children number eight and between them they have ten grandchildren. They enjoy family, friends, and traveling.

owed be Thy name. Thy earth as it is in heaven. d forgive us our debts, as not into temptation, but kingdom and the power

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arr. David Paxton

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David Strasser God ll ever praise You. ll ever praise You. norning, Your ways. lead me, of my days.

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