

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
- * Toothbrushes
- * 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.**



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.



Save the Date:
Sunday, October 1, 2023.
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Town Center Park
356 E Tripp Rd Sunnyvale, TX 75182

19th Annual Addressing Mesquite Day

This year's AMD will be held on Saturday, **October 7, 2023.**



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

There are volunteer forms in the Welcome Center. Our Property Chairman, Eric Schwartz, will be collecting forms through Sunday, **Oct 4**. Please help us as we help others.

We have been assigned a home: 2518 Rosewood Dr., Mesquite, TX 75150

WEDNESDAY LIVE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MESQUITE

13, 20, 27
SEPTEMBER | 6:30PM | 1028 S BELT LINE RD
MESQUITE, TX 75149
972.285.5602

SESSION ONE

BIBLE STUDY PRESENTED BY STEPHEN LEAKE	BOOK CLUB HELD BY ELNA SINGLETON REVIEWING THE CLASSIC - THE STRANGER IN THE LIFE BOAT	CLASS ON HYMNS LED BY SUE BOHMER, YOU CALL THAT A HYMN?
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JOIN US FOR DINNER EACH NIGHT PREPARED BY CHEF ROD BEGINNING AT 5:45PM

"FIRST WEDNESDAYS" WILL BE
A NIGHT FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUTH TO EXPERIENCE FUN,
SERVICE, AND SCRIPTURE ON
SEPTEMBER 13TH!!

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

Sunday, October 15, 2023 is our next Blood Drive.

Please use this QR Code to sign-up.

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.



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 **88 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 17, 2023
 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

"And I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you."
 Joel 2:25



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 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* arr. C.E. Walz

INTROIT 243 *Be Not Afraid* Jacques Berthier
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; Psalm 118:24; 103:1*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Bless the Lord O, my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name.

*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and Merciful God, by Your power Christ is raised from death to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not believed in Him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread and our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, Who was dead but now lives, and Who will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when Your promised kingdom comes. 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 (11:00) *Old Time Gospel Medley* arr. Donald Moore
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious, Loving and All knowing God, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Revelation 21:5*

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also He said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Joel 2:25-27*

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, My great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you. And My people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

SERMON *Post Cards from the Edge: Restoration* 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

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Fantasia on 'Coronation'* Todd Kendall
Ryoji Shimpō, pianist

*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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

*HYMN 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 743 *O God, You Are My God* David Strasser

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

*POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance* arr. Charity Book Putnam

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Ann Smith (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Debra Ford, David Stormer, and Renee Stormer (8:45);
Debra Ford, David Stormer, Renee Stormer, and Paul Luce (11:00)

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Tuesday, October 3

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle meets
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle meets (potluck)

Wednesday, October 4

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 meet in Crossroads classroom

Saturday, October 7 - Addressing Mesquite Day

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

Sunday, October 8

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