

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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

### Tuesday, September 26

7:00 p.m. - C.O.N.C. Church Officer Nominating Committee mtg

### 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

### Monday, October 2

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### 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  
 6:30 p.m. - Youth and Faith Builders will pack College Care Pkgs  
 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


### Monday, October 9

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, October 10 - Project Regeneration (Time TBA)




The youth will be packing COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, during WNL. If you would like to contribute items for the packages, please drop them off in the church office by Sunday, October 1, 2023. We have 11 College Students. Thank you to all who kindly contribute and encourage.




### 19th Annual Addressing Mesquite Day

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



There are volunteer forms in the Welcome Center. Our Property Chairman, Eric Schwartz, will be collecting forms through Sunday, **Oct 1.** Please help us as we help others.

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




LWLTL will meet on Sat., October 14th. 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 8th.** You may place your donations at the end of the hall near the Welcome Center.

### 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.




### FALL CHURCH GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

You've got stuff ... More than you need ... or have room for. So, clean out those closets and we'll help you get rid of that excess stuff. Remember, your stuff could become someone's treasure. Mark your calendar and plan to be here to help.

THIS IS HOW WE FINANCE SOME OF OUR BENEVOLENCES.

Help set-up beginning at 7 am on Saturday, helpers during the sale, and helpers to clean-up at 3 pm.

SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE WELCOME CENTER!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT 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?  
 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 15TH!!  
 SIGN UP FOR CLASSES AND DINNER AT THE WELCOME CENTER. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAIL: RSTORMER@FPC@GBCGLOBAL.NET



**Picnic in the Park**

**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**

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 24, 2023  
 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Cover Picture

This scene comes from the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. Tradition states that at this place, at the home of Mary, the Angel Gabriel spoke to her of her mission. Four hundred years had passed since Malachi delivered his prophecy. He spoke of a coming Messiah. Today we will visit some of the words of this final Old Testament prophet.



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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Barbara Boertje

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*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And also to you.**

Glory and praise to our God, Who alone gives light to our days, many are the blessings He bears to those who trust in His ways. Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from Your truth and from Your holy will. We have failed in love, we have forgotten to be just, and we have turned away from Your wisdom. Forgive us our sins and restore us to Your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. 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*) *Abide with Me* Henry F Lyte, Text  
Ben Clifton, soloist William H. Monk, Music

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious and All-Knowing God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, feet to act as we hear Your word read and preached in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 2:25-32*

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him what was customary under the law, Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now You are dismissing Your servant in peace, according to Your Word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel.'

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Malachi 2:17;3:1;3:10;3:16;4:5*

You have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet you say, 'How have we wearied Him?' By saying, 'All who do evil are good in the sight of the Lord, and He delights in them.' Or by asking, 'Where is the God of justice?' See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord Whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple. The Messenger of the covenant in Whom you delight—indeed, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and thus put Me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Then those who revered the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord took note and listened, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who revered the Lord and thought on His name. Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.

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 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

SERMON *Post Cards from the Edge:* Rev. Doughton  
*When All Is Said and Done*

\*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 *Rock of Ages* arr. John Turner  
Ryoji Shimpo, 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 443

*There Is a Redeemer*

\*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 *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Kevin Boesiger

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sheila Hammer (*8:45*); Bennett Doughton (*11:00*)

Deacon/Ushers † - Gina Villafana, Alberto Villafana,  
and David Howard (*8:45*)

Gina Villafana, Alberto Villafana,  
David Howard, and Liz Ramsey (*11:00*)

### FLOWERS

The flowers near the pulpit were given to the glory of God by Duane and Joanne Moon in loving memory of Clifford Moon, honoring him on the 111th anniversary of his birth.

The flowers near the lectern were given to the glory of God by Meg GarverHamilton in honor of her 15th wedding anniversary.

### 100 Can Challenge

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 have collected **136 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