

*RESPONSE 550 *Give Praise to the Lord* C. Hubert H. Parry
 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.

*POSTLUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. H. T. Manning

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Taylor Hammer, Madison Villafana,
 Schyler Marin, and Sheila Hammer

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. In September, we collected **171 items**. **Thank You!**

Notification of a Called Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 15, at 10:30 a.m. we will hold a **called congregational meeting** in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and act upon the report from the Church Officer Nominating Committee.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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


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 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.

FALL CHURCH GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Mark your calendar and plan to be here to help. **THIS IS HOW WE FINANCE SOME OF OUR BENEVOLENCES.**



We need you! 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!



TRUNK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 28TH 1-3PM
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MESQUITE
 1028 S. Beltline Rd. Mesquite, TX. 75149
COSTUMES WELCOME
POPCORN - DRINKS - CANDY
BOUNCE HOUSE - GAMES
FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 1, 2023

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Cover Picture

Here we have another view of the Hippodrome in Caesarea Maritima-the Roman capitol of the region. Here lived the Centurion Cornelius from our lesson. He would have seen the Hippodrome in its glory. He would have stood in the area from which we get this view. Today we will learn more about this God-Worshipping Centurion and the Apostle, Peter.



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 *The Master Hath Come* arr. Ron Boud

INTROIT 654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Jacques Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices;
the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 147:1, 5*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Praise the Lord, How good it is to sing praises to our God; for He is gracious and a song of praise is fitting. Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure-Praise the Lord.

*HYMN 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

*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 hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, Who was dead but lives, and 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

ANTHEM (11:00) *In Remembrance of Me* Courtney Ragan
Chancel Choir Buryl Red

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All knowing God-as we hear Your word read and preached may it startle us from our status quo, may it heal us where we are wounded, and may it inspire us where we are discouraged. May it light our paths and lead us to a new day in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 22:37-40; 25:40; 28:18-20*

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

And the King will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of My family, you did it to Me."

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And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Acts 10:3-35*

One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa. About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them." So Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?" They answered, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him. The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?" Cornelius replied, "Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. He said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the

presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say." Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Just As We Are: Serving* Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Just as I am, without one plea; But that Thy blood was shed for me; And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee; Oh, Lamb of God, I come, I come." There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. Some are gifted to teach, some to guide, some to help, some to lead worship, and some to encourage. And there are other excellent gifts given to the Body. Just as a body, though one, has many parts, and all its many parts form to one body, so it is with Christ. The Body comprises eyes, ears, feet, hands, and other limbs and other organs. Each limb and each organ work together to make the Body work. Now we are the Body of Christ, and each one of us is a part of it. *Just As We Are.*

*HYMN 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *A Joyful Song* arr. Hugh S Livingston, Jr.
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 †

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 515

I Come with Joy

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION