

Notification of a Called Congregational Meeting

This is your 2nd notification: 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.

ELDER:	DEACON:	TRUSTEE
Diane Beal _____	Caroline Clifton _____	Duane Moon _____
William Richardson _____	Sharon Condarco _____	
Eric Schwartz _____	Bryan Sanders _____	
Elna Singleton _____	Rafael Villafana _____	
Beverlee Witty _____	Campbell Futrell (Youth Deacon) _____	
Zoe Futrell (Youth Elder) _____		

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

7:00 p.m. - Project Regeneration

Wednesday, October 11

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. - Session will meet in Crossroads classroom

Saturday, October 14

7:00 a.m. - Garage Sale Set-up
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Garage Sale
3:00 p.m. - Garage Sale Clean-up

Sunday, October 15 - Blood Drive

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Appointments available BLOOD DRIVE
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Youth Gathering

Monday, October 16

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

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

Saturday, October 21

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Women's Retreat in Wilbanks Hall

Sunday, October 22

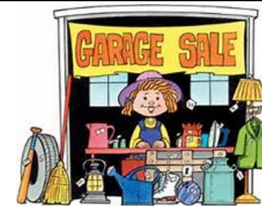
7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast - **All** are invited to hear Mayor, Dan Aleman and enjoy a nice breakfast
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

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 October, we have collected **24 items. Thank You!**

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!

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.



FPC Christmas Marketplace.

GET READY TO "SHOP TILL YOU DROP"

Saturday, November 11, 2023,
from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

North Parking lot, First Presbyterian Church of Mesquite
at 1028 St. Beltline Road. Holiday shopping could not be any easier featuring handmade items, jewelry, special gifts, tamales, and pecans. Admission and parking are FREE! Contact Carol Graham 214-498-2336 or cbernalgraham@gmail.com for vendor info.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 8, 2023

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

Cover Picture

The story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well ranks as an all time favorite. The alter is located in the Sanctuary built over the Chapel of the well. This is how the Orthodox Christians honor and set apart this worship space. This demonstrates that worship matters. Today, we will see again that worship matters - Just as we are.



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 *Improvisation on 'Llanfair'* Steven Scott

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 149:1-4*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Praise the Lord, Sing to the Lord a new song, Let the children rejoice in their King, Let them praise Him by making melody, For the Lord takes pleasure in His people.

*HYMN 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You loved us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of Grace, help us to recognize and admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent turn to You, and receive forgiveness: through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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 *"Just As I Am"*

ANTHEM *Worship God with Music* Natalie Sleeth
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty God, Your Word makes wise the simple-open us to Your message today as we hear Your Word read and preached in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Psalm 100*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Acts 16:25*

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

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 440 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Just as we are-and waiting not, to rid our souls of one dark blot, to Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, We come". We are no longer strangers-we are fellow citizens with God's people. We are members of God's household. We are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone, the keystone. In Christ the whole building is joined together to become a holy temple. In Jesus Christ we too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God the Holy Spirit lives. Just as we are.

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 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Lani Smith
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 697 *Take My Life*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*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 *Take My Life* arr. Penny Rodriguez

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Rod Graham, Michael Lee, and Robbie Lee (8:45)
Rod Graham, Bennett Doughton, Mary Claire Doughton,
and Bryan Sanders (11:00)

♦ Youth Readers - Zoe Futrell (8:45); Bennett Doughton (11:00)

Budget and Stewardship

Our 2023 budget was \$350,000

Your contributions to the church are so important. Please don't forget your pledge.

SEPTEMBER 2023

	BUDGET Y-T-D	ACTUAL Y-T-D
Income	262,500.00	219,044.89
Expenses	262,500.00	265,292.71

As of September 30, 2023, our expenses exceed our income by \$46,247.82 Also remember that your pledge to the church includes your time and talents, as well as, your treasures.

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