

Called Congregational Meeting

Today, 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 _____	Dallas Ward _____	
Zoe Futrell (Youth Elder) _____	Campbell Futrell (Youth Deacon) _____	

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Monday, October 23

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 25

- 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 28

- 12:00 p.m. - Set-up Fall Festival
- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Fall Festival
- 3:00 p.m. - Clean-up Fall Festival

Sunday, October 29

- 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 **89 items. Thank You!**

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

Please use this QR Code to sign-up.

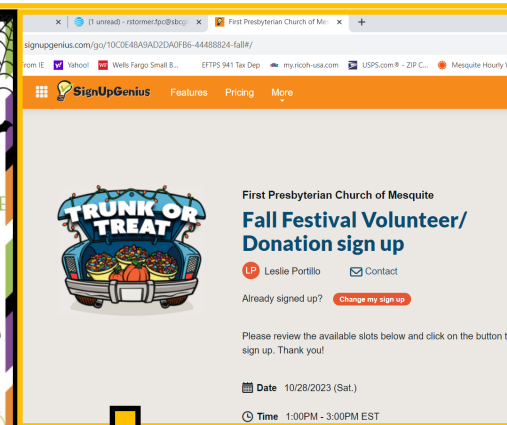
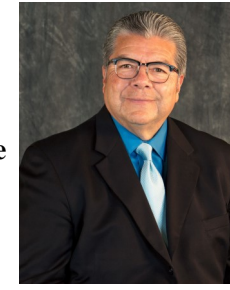
The need for donors right now is important, and our drive will help the community. Let's be mission-minded and save lives through our donation of blood.



Men's Council Breakfast, Sunday, October 22 at 7:30 a.m.
Everyone is invited - Please Sign-up!



Our Guest Speaker will be Mesquite Mayor, Dan Aleman



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A9AD2DA0FB6-44488824-fall>



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 15, 2023

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

Cover Picture

This picture comes from Rev. Doughton's hotel room in Tiberias in Galilee. Outside every door was a modified Mezuzah (Hebrew: "doorpost"). They are modeled on what would be by the door of an observant Jew. Inside would be a small folded or rolled parchment inscribed by a qualified calligraphist with scriptural verses (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 11:13-21) to remind Jews of their obligations toward God. The Shin begins the word "Shema"-hear, as in "Hear, O Israel, the Lord Your God is One." These were just part of the tools people used to remind themselves of their story as a People of God. The mezuzah served as an early aid for education for the people.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Franklin Ritter

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

And also to you.

As the deer pants for the water, so do our hearts long after You;
You alone are our souls desire and we long to worship You. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 361 *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have ignored Your commandments and we have strayed from Your ways. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We fail to reach out to those in need. We confess that we are slow to follow Your leading. We prefer to do things our own way, and ignore Your presence in our lives. Have mercy on us, forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve You and honor Your holy name. 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 *(11:00) For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty and All-knowing God, as Your Word is read and preached inspire our minds with strong conviction, give us the courage to act as You call us, and fill us with compassion in our hearts. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Acts 2:42, 6:4*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

... while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the Word."

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 692 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Just as we are - though toss'd about with many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, we come-just as we are!" The church is a golden lampstand. We are called to give light to all in the world. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If it is serving, then serve; if it is to teach, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. So, let us shine our light before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven-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 *Meditation on 'St. Columba'* David Paxton
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 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(Continued)

*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 *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer *(8:45)*; Brenda Greer *(11:00)*

Deacon/Ushers † - Nick Scholl, John Futrell, Larry Thomas *(8:45)*
Nick Scholl, John Futrell, Linda Fricke,
and Sharon Condarco *(11:00)*

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Karen and Victor Carboni in celebration of their 41st anniversary.

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