

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, October 22

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

Monday, October 23

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 24

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

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

Monday, October 30

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 1

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Classes
6:30 p.m. - Youth and Faith Builders - Fun and Games
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons meeting in Crossroads classroom

Friday, November 3

Time TBA - Youth Drive-in Movie Night

Saturday, November 4 - Be sure to turn your clocks back an hour.



Sunday, November 5 - Dedication Sunday

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both services
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, November 6

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 7

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle meets
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle meets w/potluck

Wednesday, November 8

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 meeting in Crossroads classroom



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 October we collected **125 items**. Thank You!

First Presbyterian Church of Mesquite
Fall Festival Volunteer/Donation sign up
LP Leslie Portillo Contact
Already signed up? [Change my sign up](#)
Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!
Date 10/28/2023 (Sat)
Time 1:00PM - 3:00PM EST

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

Sign-up Today!

Our annual fall festival is quickly approaching. It will be held on Saturday October 28, from 1-3pm in the north parking lot. This is such a wonderful event to get involved in, as we reach out to our community. How can I get involved you may ask?? You can volunteer the day of by helping with (trunk or treat, games (the youth will lead), greeting, concession stand, set-up and clean-up). Or by bringing donations such as candy, individually wrapped snacks for the goodie bag shuffle or concession stand, drinks, water, Gatorade, or soda. There are sign up sheet in the welcome center. We appreciate all of your support, and prayers for another successful fun fall festival.

Donations are accepted all this week

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 22, 2023

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

Cover Picture

The staff at the Shepherd's Tent table placed this spread before us after we visited The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. We appreciated the fellowship that followed. "Fellowship and Care" have a deep and strategic impact in the Biblical story. Today let us learn more.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart* arr. Mark Hayes

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.

All praise to You, God our Father Who loves us with an everlasting love, All praise to You, Jesus Christ-Who gives us grace without end, All praise to You, Holy Spirit Who brings us together as a fellowship family of faith; All Praise to You Holy Trinity, three in one Amen.

*HYMN 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, in every age You have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to Your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, Your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow, so that living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with Him forever. 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) *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All knowing God, as we hear Your Word read and preached, may we hear today Your special message to us, may we gain insight for the week ahead, and may we see Your larger purposes for our lives in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Psalms 133:1-3*

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained His blessing, life for evermore.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Acts 2:42*

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

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 688 *Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart*

SERMON *Just As We Are: Bread Breaking* Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Just as we are - poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea, all we need, in Thee to find,-O Lamb of God, we come-Just as I am. Just as we are." We seek to be alert and of sober mind so that we may pray. We seek to love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. We seek to offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. We seek to use whatever gift we have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. For those gifted to speak, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. For those gifted to serve, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. O Lamb of God, we come-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 *Deep Peace* John S. Dixon
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 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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 *Morning Has Broken* arr. John Turner

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP


Elder # - Kay Alvarez (8:45); Ann Smith (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Eric Schwartz, Susan Farmer, Kirk Dixon (8:45)
Eric Schwartz, Mary Lee Doughton and MacKenzie Aynes (11:00)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by David and Renee Stormer in celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary.

If you or your Sunday School class would like to donate to Sharing Life for the Thanksgiving Baskets, we need your donation by **Sunday, November 5**. There is no set dollar amount, please give as God leads 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