

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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
5:00 p.m. - Youth Gathering

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

Saturday, November 11

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - All Church Workday
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - FPC Christmas Marketplace



Sunday, November 12

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, November 13

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 14

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

Wednesday, November 15

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Last WNL for 2023)
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Classes
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 19

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
6:00 p.m. - 98th Annual Men's Council Thanksgiving Dinner



FPC Christmas Marketplace.

GET READY TO "SHOP TILL YOU DROP"

Saturday, November 11, 2023,

from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

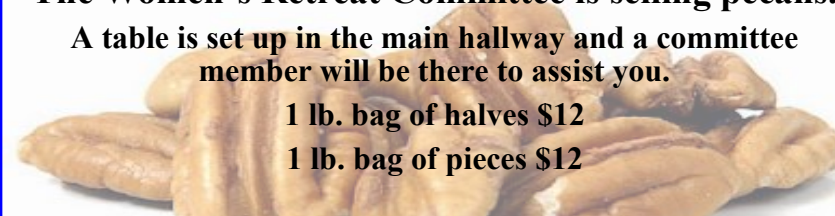
North Parking lot, First Presbyterian Church of Mesquite at 1028 St. Beltline Road. Holiday shopping could not be any easier featuring handmade items, jewelry, special gifts, tamales, and pecans. Admission and parking are FREE! Contact Carol Graham 214-498-2336 or cbernalgraham@gmail.com for vendor info.

The Women's Retreat Committee is selling pecans.

A table is set up in the main hallway and a committee member will be there to assist you.

1 lb. bag of halves \$12

1 lb. bag of pieces \$12



All Church Workday, Saturday, November 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Property Committee will be heading up an "all church workday" at our church on Saturday, Nov. 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This time will be dedicated to sprucing up the place, both inside and out, before Advent.



Please prayerfully considering a couple of hours out of your Saturday to clean up around the church.

Please sign up in the Welcome Center.

If you have questions, please see me.

Thank you! Eric Schwartz, Property Chair.



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.



THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we 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 **141 items**. **Thank You!**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 29, 2023

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

About the Cover Picture

We rode, or "Sailed", on the Sea of Galilee on this boat. Though the water's currents can get treacherous, we were safe on the boat. The "church as a boat" image goes back to First Century. Today we will learn about that connection-and what it means for us.



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 *Fantasy in D Minor* W.A. Mozart

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.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made the heavens and the earth. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God, Eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to You that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed Your Word nor followed Your holy commandments. For Your goodness' sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. We come before You confessing our own faults. 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) One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty and very gracious God, since all our salvation depends upon Your Holy Word; therefore grant that our hearts may be set free from worldly things, so that we may, with all diligence and faith, hear Your Word, rightly understand Your gracious Will, and in all sincerity live according to the same, to Your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 6:1-7*

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

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 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Just as we are -Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise we believe, -O Lamb of God, we come-Just as we are." At special times and special places, You have called believers to join together to work for a Kingdom Purpose. You called Nehemiah to rebuild the Wall of Jerusalem with the community. You called sons and daughters to do the work. You called some to build while others stood guard. Then You called them to switch jobs. You called perfumers and nobles to the work. You call us today to join in work that often only You see. May all we that we do be for Your Glory as we serve-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.

ALL SAINTS RECOGNITION

Joy Samuels Cora Anna Dugan
Dianna McCalmont Sheila Bauer
Mary Sullivan Christy Portillo

PRAYER FOR ALL THE SAINTS

*HYMN 326 *For All the Saints*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Almighty King* arr. Lloyd Larson
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 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*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 *Ah, Holy Jesus* arr. Tom Birchwood

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Brian Neece *(8:45)*; Meg GarverHamilton *(11:00)*

Deacon/Ushers † - David Stormer, Debra Ford, and Renee Stormer *(8:45)*
David Stormer, Debra Ford, Renee Stormer, and Paul Luce *(11:00)*

Please Note: This Reformation and All Saints service has prayers developed for the 21st Century from the Reformation Churches of the 16th Century.

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