

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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

### Monday, November 20

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Wednesday - Friday, November 22 - 24

Church offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving

### Sunday, November 26

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
4:00 p.m. - Decorate the Church for Advent/Christmas

### Monday, November 27

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Wednesday, November 29

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor  
Ryoji Shimpo, Organist  
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant  
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus



## 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](mailto:cbernalgraham@gmail.com) for vendor info.

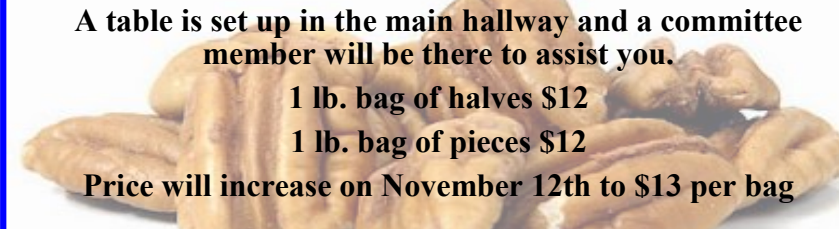
### The Women's Retreat Committee is selling pecans.

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

Price will increase on November 12th to \$13 per bag



### 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 **today, Sunday, November 5.**  
There is no set dollar amount, please give  
as God leads you.

Thanksgiving  
Baskets



SHARING  
LIFE



Feeding the  
Community

### 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 **170 items.**  
**Thank You!**

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

November 5, 2023

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

### About the Cover Picture

The sun begins to set over Jerusalem in May of 2022. It was just  
after Noon in Mesquite. As the sun sets each day, we have a  
promise that it will rise again on the following day. I believe that  
this repetition can give us a basic vision to go forward. Today we  
will cover Vision as we also Dedicate our Pledges for the coming  
year.



*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 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Lani Smith

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 8:1,3-4, & 9*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### And also to you.

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above in the heavens. When we look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, who are we that You are mindful of us, that You care for us. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

\*HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Holy, and Gracious God; we confess that we have not followed the light of Your word. We have not searched for signs of Your love in the world or trusted Your good news to be good. We have refused Your peace on earth, we have expected little, and we have hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires and godly ambitions, in Jesus' name we pray. 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 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* arr. Donald Moore  
Ben Clifton, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing God, as we hear Your Word today may it heal us where we need mending, may it strengthen us for the journey ahead, and may it enlarge our vision for Your will and purpose.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Proverbs 29:18*

Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint, but happy are those who keep the law.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *1 Kings 3:9-10*

Give Your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern Your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this Your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Acts 15:16-17; Acts 16:6-10*

"After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—even all the Gentiles over whom My name has been called. Thus says the Lord, Who has been making these things....

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news 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 330 *Our Help Is in the Name of God*

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**"Just as we are - of that free love, The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, Here for a season, then above, -O Lamb of God, we come-Just as we are." You, O Lord, have called a people to follow You since You called Abraham. Through trek of Abraham, Egypt and the Exodus, Judges, the Kingdom United and Divided, the Exile, and the Return, You have led Your people. You sent Jesus, God the Son, to redeem. The Holy Spirit worked to gather the body of believers. You gave Peter, Paul, and others the Vision to expand the Kingdom. Even today, You are at work at various places. You give a vision to those who seek it-just as they are. Now, just as we are - Thy love unknown; Has broken every barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, -O Lamb of God, we come-Just as we are.**

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION *"Just As I Am"*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You are invited to come forward with your offering  
and/or pledge card at this time.

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

\*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 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

\*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 *Lord, Speak to Me* arr. Lani Smith

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Gina Villafana (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Alberto Villafana, Gina Villafana,  
and David Howard (8:45); Alberto Villafana,

Mary Claire Doughton, David Howard, and Elna Singleton (11:00)



Thanksgiving Dinner Tickets go on sale today, Sunday, November 5, 2023 before and after each worship service.

Tickets are \$6.00 each with no family paying more than \$24.00

## Budget and Stewardship

Our 2023 budget is \$350,000

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

	OCTOBER 2023	
	BUDGET Y-T-D	ACTUAL Y-T-D
Income	291,666.65	270,447.72
Expenses	291,666.65	287,399.71

As of October 31, 2023, our expenses exceed our income by \$16,951.99 Also remember that your pledge to the church includes your time and talents, as well as, your treasures.