

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Clarence Greer (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Taylor Hammer, Madison Marin,
Schyler Marin, and Sheila Hammer

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, September 1

The 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, September 2

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle

Wednesday, September 4

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

Thursday, September 5

7:00 p.m. - Church Officer Nominating Committee -Crossroads Classroom

Sunday, September 8

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Lemonade Social following the 11:00 worship service
12:15 p.m. - Youth/Parent Planning Meeting

Tuesday, September 10

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

Wednesday, September 11

6:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. - 9/11 Service of Remembrance
7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

Sunday, September 15 - Guest Preacher - Rev. Cheryl Taylor

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

Monday, September 16

7:00 p.m. - Project Regeneration meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

Tuesday, September 17

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee - Crossroads Classroom

Wednesday, September 18

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner
6:30 p.m. - Safety Class led by John Kusewitt in Christian Fellowship
6:30 p.m. - Bible Study "Attributes of God" led by Dr. Carol Stephenson
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 22 - Stewardship Campaign Begins

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

Wednesday, September 25

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner
6:30 p.m. - Safety Class led by John Kusewitt in Christian Fellowship
6:30 p.m. - Bible Study "Attributes of God" led by Dr. Carol Stephenson
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 29

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ryoji Shimpo, Director of Music Ministries/Organist & Pianist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

Please find an insert in your bulletin "Suggestions for New Church Officers." Yes, it's that time of year again, to suggest who you think would serve our church well, as officers for the next three years. **The deadline to nominate is Sunday, September 1, 2024.** Please make sure the nominee knows of your suggestion and they are willing to serve.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2024 Susan K Farmer Sheila J Hammer Stephen A Leake Michael H Lee D Renee Stormer Zoe Futrell (Youth)	CLASS OF 2025 Roger Foltz Linda Fricke John Kusewitt Paul Luce Gina Villafana	CLASS OF 2026 Diane Beal William Richardson Eric Schwartz Elna Singleton Beverlee Witty
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THE BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2024 Debra L Ford Nicolas A Scholl David C Stormer Campbell Futrell (Youth)	CLASS OF 2025 John Futrell Rodney Graham	CLASS OF 2026 Sharon Condarco Bryan Sanders Rafael Villafana Dallas Ward
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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2024 Phil L Johnson, Jr.	CLASS OF 2025 Herbert C. "Pete" Allen, Jr.	CLASS OF 2026 C. Duane Moon
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Join us for a Mid-Week Fellowship.

Dinner at 5:45 p.m. and

Classes at 6:30 p.m.

September 18 & 25:

- Safety Class led by John Kusewitt, in the Christian Fellowship classroom.
- Dr. Carol Stephenson will lead a three part Bible Study on the Attributes of God.

October 2:

- Drawing Class led by Carol Graham, in the Gensis classroom.
- Dr. Carol Stephenson will lead part three of a three part Bible Study on the Attributes of God.
- Youth Night

October 9:

- Scent Training - Southern DFW Scent Training, Carolyn Oldham is a dog trainer and has approval to use our church and will be teaching a class.

October 16:

- Seeking Advent; a study to prepare us for Advent led by Rev. Doughton

October 23:

- Seeking Advent; a study to prepare us for Advent led by Rev. Doughton

October 30:

- Seeking Advent; a study to prepare us for Advent led by Rev. Doughton
- Watercolor Class (Christmas Cards) led by Pete Allen

November 6:

- Youth Night
- Watercolor Class (Christmas Cards) led by Pete Allen
- Bible Study Led by Beverlee Witty

November 13:

- Watercolor Class (Christmas Cards) led by Pete Allen
- Bible Study Led by Beverlee Witty

November 20:

- Bunco Game Night
- Watercolor Class (Christmas Cards) led by Pete Allen

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 1, 2024

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

About the Cover Picture

The bulletin cover has a variety of ocean views. In each case one looks to the horizon. One looks to an adventure in a new place. Jeremiah had an unexpected adventure in Egypt. He did not want to go there. Yet, the Lord watched over him, guided him, and protected him. Today we will learn more about this Egyptian Adventure.



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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* arr. John Innes

INTROIT 452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You; I want to see You;
to see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; 1 Peter 1:3*

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

And also to you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By the great mercy of God we have been born anew to a living hope. Let us worship God!

*HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of 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 #

ANTHEM *Hymn of the Shepherd* Donald Moore
Chancel Choir

Dear to the heart of the Shepherd, Dear are the sheep of his fold;
Dear is the love that He gives them, Dearer than silver or gold.
Dear to the heart of the Shepherd, Dear are His other lost sheep;
Over the mountains He follows, Over the waters so deep.
Out in the desert they wander, Hungry and helpless and cold;
Off to the rescue He hastens, Bringing them back to the fold.

Dear to the heart of the Shepherd, Dear are the lambs of His fold;
Some from the pastures are straying, Hungry and helpless and cold.
See, the Shepherd is seeking, Seeking the lambs that are lost,
Bringing them in with rejoicing, Saved at such infinite cost.

(continued)

Out in the desert they wander, Hungry and helpless and cold;
Off to the rescue He hastens, Bringing them back to the fold.

Dear to the heart of the Shepherd, Dear are the sheep of His fold;
Dear is the love that He gives them, dearer than silver or gold.

Make us Your. True helping shepherds; Give us a love that is deep;
Send us out into the desert, Seeking Your wandering sheep.

Out in the desert they wander, Hungry and helpless and cold;
Off to the rescue He hastens, Bringing them back to the fold.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious, Loving and All-knowing God, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *II Corinthians 12:7b-10*

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Jeremiah 45:1-4*

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch:

You said, "Woe is me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest." Thus you shall say to him, "Thus says the Lord: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. . . .

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 847 *Our Hope, Our Life*

SERMON *Tomorrow Is Another Day* Rev. Doughton

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Arietta, Op. 12, No. 1* Edvard Grieg
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 †

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 800 *Sometimes a Light Surprises*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 443 (*vs.1*) *There Is a Redeemer* Margaret W Mealy

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

POSTLUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* C.E. Walz

Following the Response we will have our Postlude. Please be seated as the Postlude begins. You are encouraged to use all of the Postlude as part of the worship service. If you wish to pause and then leave during the music, please do so in a worshipful way. Rev. Doughton will be at the door to shake hands.

20th Annual Addressing Mesquite Day

Addressing Mesquite Day is held in partnership with the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite. This annual one-day event focuses on home repairs needed by senior citizens, single parents, military veterans and the disabled and other homeowners in Mesquite.

FPC Mesquite prides themselves in being a volunteer group each year. Volunteer applications are in the Welcome Center. Please see Eric Schwartz with your completed form and any questions.

Thanks for partnering with our group to help someone in need.

