

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Roger Foltz (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Rod Graham, Dallas Ward,
Mike Lee, and Robbie Lee (8:45);
Rod Graham, Dallas Ward,
Mary Claire Doughton, and Zoe Futrell (11:00)
Youth Reader ♦ - Mary Claire Doughton (11:00)

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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. - Joint Meeting: Worship Committee and Personnel Committee
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 (Million Dollar Spaghetti)
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 (Pork Loin & Scalloped Potatoes)
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
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday, October 1

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle Meeting (Pot Luck)

Wednesday, October 2

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (French Bread Pizza & Pasta)
6:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. - 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

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

Saturday, October 5

Time TBA - 20th Annual Addressing Mesquite Day

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

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. (through 10/2/2024)

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?



9/18 Million Dollar Spaghetti, Corn on the Cobb, Salad, Bread, and Bread Pudding

9/25 Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Roasted Veggies, Salad, Bread, and Ice Cream Sundaes.



Our next Mission Project begins now and runs through October 20th. We are collecting Food and Clothing items to donate to After8toEducate.

Of the homeless youth population, After8toEducate is tackling the most vulnerable population of unsheltered high school students.

The students love canned Ravioli, Spaghetti-o's, Macaroni and Cheese, Ramon Noodle Soup. Just about anything you would buy for your college student.

Clothing such as hoodies, beanies, scarves, t-shirts, socks, underwear, *panties, sports bras, etc. (*Please see the bulletin board)

They are also in need of toiletries, mainly products for the African American students, such as haircare products.

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. Our total collected thus far in September is **26 items. Thank You!**

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 8, 2024

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

About the Cover Picture

In this picture you can see cultivated fields in an arid region. This field is just a few miles away from the Dead Sea. Through creative effort and engineering residents harvest crops. Jeremiah offers insights to the Exiles on how they can bloom where they are planted. He calls them to play the cards they are dealt.



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 *This Is My Father's World* arr. Richard A. Williamson

INTROIT 614 *Great Are You, Lord* Michael W. Smith
and Deborah D. Smith

Great are you, Lord: You are holy and just;
by Your power we trust in Your love.
Great are You, Lord: You are faithful and true;
by Your mercy You prove You are love.
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord. We lift up our voice;
we lift up our voice: great are You, Lord!
Great are You, Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Romans 5:5; John 4:24*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us. Those who worship God must worship God in spirit and in truth. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient people. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, and we have rebelled against Your love. We have not loved our neighbors. We have refused to hear the cry of those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Addressing Mesquite Day

ANTHEM *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty
Chancel Choir arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And its righteousness,
And all these things will be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, Seek, and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious and All-Knowing God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, feet to act as we hear Your word read and preached in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #/♦ (11:00) *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 #/♦ (11:00) *Jeremiah 29:5-7,10-12*

Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

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 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

SERMON *Play the Cards You Are Dealt* Rev. Doughton

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 *Immortal, Invisible* arr. 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 841 *God Is My Strong Salvation*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 616 *Our God Is an Awesome God* Rich Mullins
Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power and love; our God is an awesome God!

POSTLUDE *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Franklin Ritter

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.

