

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Evelyn Parker (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)  
Deacon/Ushers † - David Stormer, Renee Stormer,  
and Larry Thomas (8:45);  
David Stormer, Renee Stormer,  
Linda Fricke, and Elna Singleton (11:00)

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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

### Sunday, October 6 - Worldwide Communion

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

### Wednesday, October 9

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Creamy Chicken Pasta)  
6:30 p.m. - Southern DFW Scent Training Class for Dogs led by Carolyn Oldham (learn about the scent training class)  
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

### Saturday, October 12

7:00 a.m. - Set up Garage Sale  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Garage Sale  
3:00 p.m. - Take down Garage Sale

# 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.

## ABOUT THE GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Cheryl Taylor retired Easter Sunday after 15 years of service as a pastor in Grace Presbytery. Since then, she has been busy (well, not too busy) hanging out with her husband David Moore, their daughter Kelsey Moore, and her husband T.J. Griffith. Don't get her started talking about her and David's new greyhound and walking buddy, Roy Kent! Cheryl also enjoys traveling, hiking and discovering new restaurants. She would love to hear about books and TV shows you are enjoying.

# GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 15, 2024

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

## About the Cover Picture

These images on the cover come from the area of Caesarea Philippi in the north of modern day Israel. In this region there was a huge set of pagan shrines to Greek gods. There is a source of the River Jordan. Not that far away was the city of Dan-associated with the rebellion of Jeroboam. There was a citadel related to Roman power and authority. Pictured here is a MUCH later building on the site of the city. Later, in the Christian Byzantine Empire, a church was erected. One can see the ruins today. In such a place Jesus asked the question, "Who do you say that I am".



*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 *Seek Ye First* arr. John Purifoy

INTROIT 175 (vs.1) *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty  
Alleluia, Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
alleluia, and its righteousness,  
alleluia, and all these things shall be added unto you.  
alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 66:1-3*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### And also to you.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to God glorious praise. Say to God, "How Awesome are Your deeds! All the earth worships You; they sing praises to Your name."

\*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your lovingkindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Chancel Choir arr. Hal H. Hopson  
Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!  
Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
*(continued)*

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing God-as we hear Your word read and preached may it startle us from our status quo, may it heal us where we are wounded, and may it inspire us where we are discouraged. May it light our paths and lead us to a new day in Jesus' name Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*Mark 8:27-38*

Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered Him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Him, "You are the Messiah." And He sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about Him. Then He began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning and looking at His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become My followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for My sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

## SERMON

Rev. Cheryl Taylor

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## 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 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* arr. C.E. Walz  
Ryoji Shimpō, 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 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 726 (vs.5) *Will You Come and Follow Me* arr. John L. Bell  
Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance* arr. Charity Book Putnam

*Following the Response we will have our Postlude. Please be seated.*

## 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.



## FALL CHURCH GARAGE SALE OUR GARAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Mark your calendar and plan to be here to help us.

THIS IS HOW WE FINANCE SOME OF OUR BENEVOLENCES.

