

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sheila Hammer (8:45); Ann Smith (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Nick Scholl, Sharon Condarco,
Kirk Dixon, and Susan Farmer (8:45);
Nick Scholl, Sharon Condarco,
Kenzie Aynes, and Mary Lee Doughton (11:00)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Joanne and Duane Moon in honor of Wanda and Clifford Moon's Wedding Anniversary which would have been their 91st.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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
5:30 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth - Movie Night "The Forge"

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
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 28

T/B/A - Mesquite Trash Bash - L.I.F.E. Youth & Faith Builders

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

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

First notice is hereby given of a **called congregational meeting**, to be held in the church sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 6, 2024. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and act upon the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee.

ELDER:	DEACON:	TRUSTEE
Brenda Greer _____	John Brown _____	Kirk Dixon _____
Phil Johnson _____	David Hammons _____	
Ron Smith _____	Schylar Marin _____	
David Stormer _____	Rodney Vansickle _____	
Larry Thomas _____	Mary Claire Doughton (Youth Deacon) _____	
Campbell Futrell (Youth Elder) _____		

PW and LWLTL Mission Project which 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)



Join us for a Mid-Week Fellowship

Dinner at 5:45 p.m. and Classes at 6:30 p.m.

September 25:

- ◆ Safety Class led by John Kusewitt, in the Christian Fellowship classroom.

October 2:

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

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?



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

10/2 French Bread Pizza, Pasta & Sauce, Salad, Bread, and Texas Sheet Cake

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.



GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 22, 2024

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

About the Cover Picture

On the cover we have three boats. One boat is at the dock on the Sea of Galilee. The crew are preparing to take a group of pilgrims across the Lake to Capernaum. There is another boat in Mobile Bay. The youth saw the boat go full steam ahead on its journey as they were on board a Ferry. The third boat is in water storage at Bayou La Batre, Alabama. A former Casino Boat, the owner pays \$600.00 a month for it to stay there. He plans "some day" to get it fixed and prepared for use again.

Churches are compared to boats. Today we will begin to look at a church in Philippi. We will see what kind of church it was. If it was a boat, what would it be? If we were a boat-what kind would match us? Let's see.



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 *Improvisation on 'Llanfair'* Steven Scott

INTROIT 613 *O Lord, Our Lord* Michael W. Smith

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O earth. O Lord, we praise Your name.

O Lord, we magnify Your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*

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

And also to you.

The Lord has done great things for us already; therefore, we rejoice. The merciful and gracious Lord has done His marvelous works that they ought to be remembered.

*HYMN 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal, Merciful, and Holy God; in Whom we live and move and have our being, Your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget Your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 2025 Stewardship

ANTHEM *Blessed Assurance* Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels descending, bring from above

Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *refrain*

(continued)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, my soul.

I in my Savior am happy and blest;

I'm watching and waiting, looking above,

Filled with His goodness, I'm lost in His love. *refrain*

I will sing of His love, of my Savior's love.

Yes, I am Praising my Savior all the day long!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty and All-knowing God, as Your Word is read and preached inspire our minds with strong conviction, give us the courage to act as You call us, and fill us with compassion in our hearts.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Philippians 1:3-6*

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Philippians 1:7-11*

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 440 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

SERMON *A Good Work* Rev. Jones Doughton

*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 *Take My Life* arr. Penny Rodriguez
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 697 *Take My Life*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE 741 *(vs.1) Guide My Feet* Wendell P. Whalum

Guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance* arr. Charity Book Putnam

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

