

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Eric Schwartz (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney VanSickle, John Brown,
and Evelyn Parker (8:45);
Rodney VanSickle, Paul Luce, Harriet Jones,
and ?? (11:00)

FLOWERS

The flower arrangement was given to the glory of God by
Debbie Aynes, in loving memory of her mother, Margaret Simpson

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, July 20 - Guest Preacher, Rev. Diane Pennington

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

Friday, July 25

The church office will be closed

Saturday, July 26

11:00 a.m. - Memorial Service for Rod Graham's mother, Pat Jensen, and
his brother, Roger Graham. Lunch will be provided after the service.

Sunday, July 27 - Guest Preacher, Rev. Kenny Rigoulot

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Sunday, August 3

Lord's Supper will be observed at both Worship Services

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

Tuesday, August 5

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women will meet at Joe's Pizza and Pasta
308 S. Belt Line Rd., Mesquite, TX - just down the road

Wednesday, August 6

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, August 10 - Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Tuesday, August 12

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting in Crossroads Class
7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in the Enquiry Classroom

Wednesday, August 13

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, August 17 - Rally Day

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Indoor Picnic in Wilbanks Hall

Tuesday, August 19

7:00 p.m. - Joint Officers Meeting - Side room in Wilbanks Hall

Wednesday, August 20

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, August 24

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
10:40 a.m. - Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary

Tuesday, August 26

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Kickoff Dinner (more info to come)

The Mid-Year Contribution Reports are in the Welcome Center

We want to let you know how grateful we are for your financial support of our church. The time, talents, and treasures, you provide help make the ministries, outreach and fellowship of our church possible. We appreciate your support during these challenging times.

We feel that it is important you see what you pledged to give and what you have given.

We thank God for you and your family which makes up our church family. May all your gifts to our church be multiplied for God's greater plan and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Music Spotlight

The music today has been chosen by *Paula Kusewitt*, longtime member and an alto in our Chancel Choir. She loves all types of sacred music, but is especially drawn to the old traditional hymns of the faith with their beautiful harmonies and moving words. When life puts challenges and trials in front of us, we can sing or just say the words of a hymn and our hearts are comforted by the peace and love of Christ.

Blessing
of the
Backpacks
Sunday,
August 10, 2025



Our first mission project will be collecting donations of school supplies or monetary offering for Black Elementary School. Please give as much as you can. Last day to contribute is Tuesday, August 26. Thank you!

**Elder Sign-up Sheet for the second half of the year has
been posted in the hall by Rev. Doughton's Office.
Please sign-up today!**

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

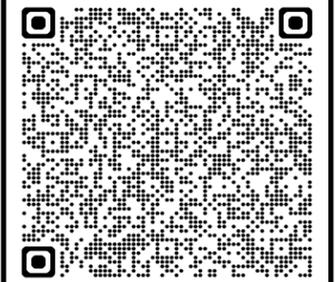
July 20, 2025

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



ONLINE GIVING OPTION

Have you ever thought of giving online?
If you would like to give online you may scan the QR Code, this will take you to the giving button on our website.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1028 SOUTH BELT LINE RD

MESQUITE, TEXAS 75149

972-285-5602

www.fpcmesquite.org

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* arr. L Smith

INTROIT 403 (8:45) *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* Joachim Neander

(v.3) Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee;

let Thy will be done indeed; may I undisturbed draw near Thee,
while Thou dost Thy people feed.

Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

INTROIT (11:00) *Worship the Lord*
(Chancel Choir Only)

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience and incense of loveliness,
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name!
We worship You, Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*

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

And also to you.

You, O Lord, are our strength and our shield, our rock and our salvation. You, O Lord, are Holy, You alone are Perfect Love, You alone are perfect Truth; and You, O Lord, are alone worthy of praise. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and Holy God, We come before You in heartfelt confession, acknowledging that we are a broken people, living in a broken world. This world is dark with the stain of sin. Your design for creation has been corrupted by the abuse of power, the appetite for things, and the enslavement of our wills. We allow evil to go unchallenged, and become passive and indifferent to Your call to engage the world with the Gospel. Forgive our sinfulness. Our sins of commission and omission have separated us from You, from others, and from the world You seek to redeem. 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 (11:00) *God Is My Rock* Ed Harris
Chancel Choir

Almighty Father, our Heavenly King,
Eternal Master, Your praises we sing.
All knowing and all powerful,
You are my rock.

(continued)

Refrain (x2): God is my rock, God is my rock,
God is my rock of my ages, rock of my soul,
God is my rock, God is my rock,
God is my rock, the rock of my salvation.

The wise man built his house upon the rock and not the sand
Choose a rock for your foundation, choose a rock to take your stand.
Dwell upon the rock of God and you will be strong of faith
And sure of God's salvation for eternity.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

O Lord, as Your word says, You are our light and our salvation—Whom shall we fear. As we hear Your Word read and proclaimed may we see Your light, may our souls delight in Your saving ways, and may we act without fear but with full confidence, in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations He has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; He burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *1 John 3:16-17*

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?"

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 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

SERMON *What Do I Do When It's Out of My Control, God?*
Rev. Diane Pennington

*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

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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* arr. Mark Hayes
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 824 *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest (Near to the Heart of God)*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 542 (8:45) *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*
(v.3) God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

RESPONSE (11:00) *Your Love Compels Me*

Your love compels me, Lord, to give as You would give,
To speak as You would speak, to live as You would live.
Your love compels me, Lord, to see as You would see,
To serve as You would serve, to be what You would be.

POSTLUDE *Near to the Heart of God* arr. Jeannette M. Smith
Please be seated for the Postlude.

Having trouble hearing during worship?

We have listening devices available in the Welcome Center, if so desired.

Having trouble reading the hymnal?

We also have hymnals with large print available.

Ushers will be glad to assist you with any and all your needs.