

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Sheila Hammer (11:00)
 Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney VanSickle, Bryan Sanders,
 and Taylor Hammer (8:45);
 Rodney VanSickle, Bryan Sanders,
 Taylor Hammer, and Zoe Futrell (11:00)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Celisa and Rodney VanSickle, in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, September 14

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 on the Lawn

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Theme: Back to School)
 6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Class (Sharing Life - Student Housing)
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 21

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

Wednesday, September 24

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Theme: Vacation T-Shirts)
 6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Class (FPC Storytime)
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 28 - Stewardship Drive Begins

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

Wednesday, October 1

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Theme: Disco Night)
 6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Class (Estate Planning - Stefanie Marsden)
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Saturday, October 4

Time TBA - 21st Annual Addressing Mesquite Day

Sunday, October 5 - Worldwide Communion

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
 4:00 p.m. - Annual Church Picnic at Town Center Park Sunnyvale
 356 E Tripp Road, Sunnyvale, TX 75182
 5:00 p.m. - Dinner
 6:00 p.m. - Vespers



LWLTL are collecting heaters for the needy. They will be distributed by Sharing Life this fall. The due date is October 11.

If the expense is too great, please share the expense with a friend. We thank you for your generosity.



Join us for a Mid-Week Rejuvenation.
 Dinner at 5:45 p.m. and
 Classes at 6:30 p.m.

Beginning on Wednesday, September 17, thru November 19. Each Wednesday Night will have a theme. The classes for October and November will be announced soon. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Themes	Classes
Sept. 17 - Back to School Night	Sharing Life - Student Housing
Sept. 24 - Vacation T-Shirt Night	FPC Storytime

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?

Date	Main Dish	Side	Side	Side	Dessert
Sept 17	Taco Bar	Rice/Beans	Shells/Tortillas	Salad	Brownies
Sept 24	Rotisserie Chicken	Mashed Potatoes	Broccoli	Salad/Bread	Peach Cobbler
Oct 1	Spaghetti			Salad/Bread	Cookies & Ice Cream
Oct 8	Baked Potatoes	Chicken		Salad/Bread	Chocolate Cobbler
Oct 15	Salisbury Steak	Mashed Potatoes with Gravy	Roasted Vegetables	Salad/Bread	Texas Sheet Cake
Oct 22	French Bread Pizza	Mac & Cheese		Salad	Bread Pudding
Oct 29	Pulled Pork Chicken Sandwich	Cole Slaw	Baked Beans	Salad	Banana Pudding
Nov 5	Creamy Chicken Pasta			Salad/Bread	Chocolate Pie
Nov 12	Burger, Hot Dogs Nachos	Potato Salad	Chips	Salad	Ice Cream Sundaes
Nov 19	Ham	Mashed Potatoes	Corn on Cob	Salad/Bread	Strawberry Short Cake

21st 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.

This year's AMD will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

Once again, Eric Schwartz will be our gracious team leader. The volunteer applications are available in the Welcome Center. Should you have questions, you may phone Eric at (972) 741-8917 or contact him via email at ewschwartz@yahoo.com

Please consider helping those in need with some work around their home. When we help others, we are the ones who receive the biggest blessing. *God is good, all the time.*

THOSE WHO SERVE

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 14, 2025
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

About the Cover Picture

Route 66 served as a gateway to the West through the heartland of America. It began in Chicago and ended in Santa Monica. Some called it "The Mother of Roads". US 80 begins on Tybee Island, Georgia and now ends in Mesquite. However, it once continued to San Diego and it served a similar role. The heartland is used as a metaphor for the core of America and its ideals. Today we will look at "heart issues" as we see David anointed King. We will look at the core of what the Lord seeks in His disciples.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. Matt Hyzer

INTROIT 673 (vs.1) *Jesus, Light of Joy* John Goss
Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let Your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign.
alleluia, alleluia, we adore You, light divine.

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

*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 (8:45) *Ride the Chariot* arr. Wm. Henry Smith
Chancel Choir

Refrain: I'm gonna ride in the chariot in the morning, Lord,
I'm gonna ride in the chariot in the morning, Lord,
I'm gettin' ready for the judgment day, My Lord, My Lord. (x2)

Are you ready my brother? <Oh, yes>
Are you ready for the journey? <Oh, yes>
Do you want to see your Jesus? <Oh, yes>

I'm waitin' for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go. *Refrain*

Are you ready my sister? <Oh, yes>
Are you ready for the journey? <Oh, yes>
Do you want to see your Jesus? <Oh, yes>

I'm waitin' for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go.

I never can forget that day,
Ride in the chariot to see my Lord.
When all my sins were taken away,
Ride in the chariot to see my Lord.

My feet were snatched from the miry clay, ride!
I'll serve my Lord till judgment day, Ride! *Refrain x2*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious and Loving God, As we once again hear Your Word may it convict us of where we fall short, may it show us a better way to live, and may we have a vision of Your holiness in Jesus' Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Acts 13:22*

When He had removed him, He made David their king. In His testimony about him He said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.'

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *1 Samuel 16:7*

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

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 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

SERMON *A People After God's Heart* Rev. 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

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. 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 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 709 *God, We Honor You* James E. Clemens
God, we honor You. God, we trust in You.
God, we worship and adore You.
Take what we bring, offered to You.
Teach us to show Your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance* arr. Charity Book Putnam
Please be seated for the Postlude.

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 now Sunday, September 21, 2025.** Please make sure the nominee knows of your suggestion and they are willing to serve. We need to nominate 6 Elders, 1 Trustee, 1 Youth to serve as Elder, and 1 Youth to serve as Deacon.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Roger Foltz	Diane Beal	Brenda Greer
Linda Fricke	William Richardson	Phil L. Johnson, Jr.
John Kusewitt	Eric Schwartz	Dr. Ron Smith
Paul Luce	Elna Singleton	Larry Thomas
Gina Villafana	Beverlee Witty	
Campbell Futrell (Youth)		

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
John Futrell	Sharon Condarco	John Brown
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Mary St. Claire Doughton (Y)	Rafael Villafana	Schyler Marin
	Dallas Ward	Rodney VanSickle

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Herbert C. "Pete" Allen, Jr.	C. Duane Moon	Kirk Dixon



Mathew 25 Ministries

The Presbyterian Women are collecting pill bottles for Mathew 25 Ministries.

They accept donations of clean, empty, label and residue free plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies.

Their pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

