

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, August 30
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Parent and Youth Meeting

Monday, August 31
7:30 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting Senior High Classroom

Tuesday, September 1
9:15 a.m. – Presbyterian Women Morning Circle, Bus. Mtg/Bible Study

Wednesday, September 2
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 3 through Tuesday, September 8
Renee Stormer will be away on Vacation

Sunday, September 6
The 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

Monday, September 7
The Church Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting in Crossroads Class
7:00 p.m. – Presbyterian Women Night Circle, Potluck Dinner & Bible Study

Wednesday, September 9
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 13
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

Monday, September 14
7:00 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers Rehearsals begin
7:15 p.m. – Church Officer Nominating Committee - Crossroads

Tuesday, September 15
7:15 p.m. – Joint Officer Stated Meeting in Genesis Classroom

Wednesday, September 16
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 20
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, September 21
7:00 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 22
7:15 p.m. – Evaluation, Strategy, and Planning Committee – Crossroads

Wednesday, September 23
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THOSE WHO SERVE

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

The Officer Nominating Committee is now scheduled to meet on Tuesday, September 14. In light of that new meeting time, the opportunity to nominate officers is extended until August 30.



First Presbyterian Church
1028 S. Belt Line Road, Mesquite, TX 75149
Date/Time: September 26, 2026,
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Find treasures, bargains, and surprises at our upcoming Church Garage Sale! Join us for a day of shopping, fellowship, and fun as we offer household items, décor, books, clothing, toys, and more. Proceeds will help support the benevolence mission of First Presbyterian Church. Bring a friend, spread the word, and come ready to discover something special!

An illustration of a garage sale set up in a grassy area with trees in the background. There are tables with various items like books, toys, and household goods. A sign says "GARAGE SALE!" and another says "YARD SALE!".

Volunteers Needed! We need your help to make the Garage Sale a success. Please come at 7:00 a.m. to help set up, stay to work the sale from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and lend a hand with cleaning up beginning at 3:00 p.m. Please sign up to volunteer in the Welcome Center. Thank you for sharing your time and energy! With Gratitude from your fearless leaders, Gracy & Brenda

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 August is **159 items. Thank You!**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 30, 2026
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

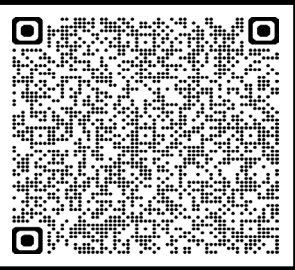
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The Wailing Wall is traditionally seen as a remnant of the Temple in Jerusalem. It is a symbol of hope and the future for many. Last Sunday we looked at hope, today we will look at a future.



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.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE As the Deer arr. Douglas E. Wagner

INTROIT 626 As the Deer Martin J. Nystrom

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart’s desire, I long to worship You.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship You.

CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Psalm 81:1-2
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also, to you.
Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song, sound the tambourine, and the sweet lyre. Sing aloud to God our strength.

*HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*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 Be a Light! Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

You are the light. You are the light. You are the light of the world.
You shine like a lighthouse high upon a hill.
Do not hide it. Let your light shine!

Refrain: Be a light, be a light! Shine wherever you go.
Be a light, be a light! Light your world with a glow.
May your actions reflect the light inside of you.
May you be loving in everything you do.
May you always live a life that is kind and true.
Be a light that shares God’s love.

(Continued)

You are the light. You are the light.
You are the light of the world.
When you see darkness, shine your light around.
You are the answer. Let your light shine! [Refrain]
Shine! Shine! Be a light that shares God’s love!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #
All-knowing God-as Your Word is read and preached may it shine
Your light on our lives, may it sharpen our wills to respond, and
may it guide our direction to follow, we pray in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, He has turned away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will renew you in His love; He will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Haggai 2:6-9
For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)
Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 702 Christ Be Beside Me

SERMON Future 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

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 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 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*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 Morning Has Broken arr. John Turner

Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP
Elder # - John Futrell (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Dallas Ward, Sharon Condarco,
and Nick Scholl (8:45);
Dallas Ward, Sharon Condarco,
Nick Scholl, and Linda Fricke (11:00)

