

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Celisa & Rodney VanSickle in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

- 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 in the Hospitality Room
- 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 Work Group – Crossroads
- Wednesday, September 23**
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, September 26**
7:00 a.m. – Set Up for Garage Sale
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Work the Sale
3:00 p.m. – Clean Up after the Sale
- Sunday, September 27**
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



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!

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 Presbyterian Women joined with Ladies Who Love the Lord on Mission to bless Jonathan's Place. If you would like to join us by providing Towels and Washcloths, preferably white, it would be an even bigger blessing. The last Day to donate will be October 23, 2026.

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Eric Schwartz, is our team leader. He says, "Our tasks are light this year. General yardwork, window washing, and some limb removal."

2026

Addressing Mesquite Day

Saturday, October 3, 2026
Volunteer Forms are in the Welcome Center



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 September is **9 items. Thank You!**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 13, 2026

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

Cover Picture

These pictures come from the recent mission trip to Louisville. The author of Hebrews challenges us, through the Holy Spirit, to run the race with endurance. This statue gives us an image of a victorious race. However, we also run with endurance when we spend time with God in His Word. We run with endurance when we spend time in prayer. We run with endurance when we care for one another. Today we will look at this race and how to run it well.

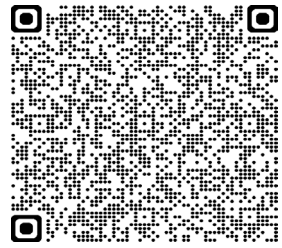


Endurance



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE O Worship the King arr. Lloyd Larson

INTROIT 452 Open the Eyes of My Heart Paul Baloché

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You; I want to see You;
to see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Psalm 96:1-2

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

And also, to you.

Let us sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Let us declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

*HYMN 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, Your love for us is so very evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of Your great care for us. Yet, when it comes to following You, we confess that we often don’t surrender our entire selves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control instead of releasing them to Your loving care. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Forgive us for frequently saying one thing and doing another. May our words and our actions line up. Make us willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, knowing full well that You will never leave us or forsake us. We pray this humbly, in Christ’s 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 I Saw the Light Hank Williams, Chancel Choir arr. Benjamin Harlan

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin.
I wouldn’t let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.
Refrain: I saw the light, I saw the light.
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.
(continued)

Just like a blind man, I wandered along.
Worries and fear I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Praise the lord, I saw the light. [Refrain]

I was a fool to wander and stray.
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. [Refrain]

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 # Joshua 1:2, 9

"My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites.

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Who for the sake of the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 175 Seek Ye First

SERMON Endurance 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 Seek Ye First arr. John Purifoy

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 707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 748 Go with Us, Lord

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

POSTLUDE Go Forth in Faith Lani Smith

Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Eric Schwartz (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Kirk Dixon, Susan Farmer, and Sue Bohmer (8:45); David Hammons, Harriet Jones, Amanda Aynes, and Adeline Aynes (11:00)