

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Duane and Joanne Moon in memory of Duane’s father, Clifford Moon.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

- 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 – Stewardship 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
T/B/A – Youth & Faith Builders fun and games
- Monday, September 28**
7:00 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal
- Tuesday, September 29**
7:00 p.m. – Personnel Committee will meet in the Crossroads Classroom
- Wednesday, September 30**
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 3**
T/B/A – Addressing Mesquite
- Sunday, October 4 – World Communion Sunday**
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
4:00 p.m. – All Church Annual Picnic
5:00 p.m. – Dinner will be served
6:00 p.m. – Vespers will begin

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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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

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

MESQUITE TEXAS

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

Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, October 4
at 4:00 p.m.

City Lake Pavilion
403 S. Galloway Ave.
Mesquite, TX 75149

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 73 items. Thank You!

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 13, 2026
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

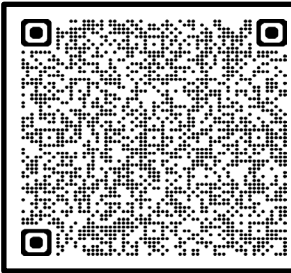
Cover Picture

Baseball is a game of perseverance. Today we will look at the theme of perseverance as described in I Peter. This picture is prior to a Seattle vs. Houston game at Seattle in May 2022.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE See How Great a Flame Aspires arr. Jason W. Krug

INTROIT 654 In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful Jacques Berthier
In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near

CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Psalm 18:1-3
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also, to you.
We love You, Lord, our strength. The Lord is our fortress, and our deliver, our God, our rock in Whom we take refuge, our shield, our stronghold, and the horn of our salvation. Let us call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised.

*HYMN 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy, Good, and Merciful God, in Your Presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your Ways, for the sake of 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 #

ANTHEM Every Morning’s Sun Sue Ellen Page
Chancel Choir
Every morning’s sun follows every evening’s night,
And every day I know that it will come.
Every day of the year I know it will appear,
Even though the clouds may hide it some,
Even though the clouds may hide it some.
Every springtime’s bloom follows every winter’s cold,
And every year I know that it will come.
All the trees and flowers need sunshine and showers,
And every year they get rain and sun,
And every year they get rain and sun.
(continued)

Everywhere I look I see the work of God,
And everywhere all nature calls His name!
Everywhere I go in sunshine, wind, or snow,
I know that He will always be the same,
I know that He will always be the same.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #
Almighty and All-Knowing God, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as Your Word is read and proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # Daniel 3:17-18
If our God Whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let Him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON I Peter 5:6-11
Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, Who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love

SERMON Perseverance 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 Grateful arr. Mark Hayes
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 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 542 (vs.1) God Be with You Till We Meet Again
God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, up-hold you,
with a shepherd’s care enfold you:.
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE Lord, Speak to Me arr. Lani Smith
Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP
Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Mary Claire Doughton (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney VanSickle, John Brown,
and Taylor Hammer (8:45);
Paul Luce, Bryan Sanders,
Taylor Hammer, and Sheila Hammer (11:00)