

\*RESPONSE (sung twice)

*Jesus Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
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\*VOLUNTARY *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. R.W. Thygerson

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

# Elder - Roger Foltz

\*\* Deacon/Ushers - Eric Schwartz, Bryan Sanders and Terri Bragg

**NEED TO KNOW COLUMN**

**Sunday, March 7**

8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

**Sunday, March 14**

8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

**Tuesday, March 16**

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting via Zoom

**Wednesday, March 17**

7:00 p.m. - Stated Joint Officers Meeting in the Sanctuary

This year we are doing an Easter Event a bit different. There will be a Reverse Easter Bunny sighting. We could use your help. We would be grateful, if you are inclined to make a monetary donation, the Easter Bunny will fill the eggs.

A caravan will make their way to the homes of our youngest disciples on Palm Sunday. The Easter Bunny will make a brief appearance and leave some eggs behind. We are grateful for all donations. 3/21 is the deadline. Let's make this an Eggs-travagant Event.



**THE CHALLENGE**



The 100 Can Challenge continues as we go forward in 2021. So far, we have collected 54 cans/items for March.

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.



Scan this QR Code to sign up for our next blood drive, Sunday, March 21, 2021. There are 25 appointments available.

**Guidelines for Worship**

- 1) Three worship services (8:30, 9:45, and 11:00).
- 2) Forty worshipers in the pews. People call or email to make reservations for their service. Members will have assigned seats. We will use chart to maintain social distance.
- 3) **Worshipers must wear masks at all times.** This is in accordance to the guidelines from the State of Texas and Dallas County. We do have masks available.
- 4) We will seek to use one usher team of four for a given Sunday.
- 5) One entry for worship. The door by the church office. One Church Safety Member opens the outer door for worshipers. One usher steps outside to check the temperature of the worshiper. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be asked to sit down. The usher will retake the temperature after a short break. If the temperature has not gone down the worshiper will not be able to attend. One usher keeps the inner door open for worshipers. No contact-just waves and verbal greetings.
- 6) Two members of a four person usher team would lay out bulletins in the prearranged seats. These ushers will also direct members to their assigned seats.
- 7) **Hand sanitizer is available near the entrance and exit of the sanctuary.**
- 8) **The offering is called for as it has been during the virtual services. Following the service, those who wish to give may place their offering in the offering plate as they leave. A Deacon will be standing by to accept your offering.**
- 9) Communion: On those Sundays we celebrate the sacrament, we will have prepackaged elements available on a table by the entry door. Worshippers will pick up their elements when they arrive. Rev. Doughton will preside at the Table in the Sanctuary. At the given time worshippers will then take the elements at their seats.
- 10) All cushions, Bibles, hymnals, attendance pads and note pads/pencils will be removed from the sanctuary. An Usher will take attendance.
- 11) **Following each service worshipers will take their bulletins to the back and place them in a recycle bin.**
- 12) There will be a team to wipe down the pews and sanitize after each service. After the pews are sanitized ushers will place the bulletins for the following service.
- 13) The congregation may sing the hymns, but they must leave on their mask.
- 14) During this time-no Sunday School and no nursery.
- 15) One usher will record who sits where in that service. That will be kept in a log.
- 16) The first service will be recorded on DVD for our shut-ins and on YouTube to be available on Sunday evening for viewing.
- 17) With all messages to the congregation we would make it clear if a member is at risk then he/she should consider staying at home.

**All Church Workday, Saturday, March 20, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

The Property Committee will be heading up an "all church workday" at our church on Saturday, March 20, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This time will be dedicated to sprucing up the place, both inside and out, before Holy Week.



We will have 4 designated areas that you may volunteer to help with: **Sanctuary, Sunday school wing and youth kitchen, south court yard, and north court yard.** We have a sign-up sheets for each area in the narthex as you exit. There are many things to be done inside and out.



Please sign-up and mark your calendar to come and help. The more workers we have the less time this will take and the greater the outcome will be.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a couple of hours out of your Saturday to clean up around the church. If you have questions, please see David Howard, Property Chair.

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

- Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
- Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries
- Ryoji Shimpo, Organist
- Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
- Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

**GUIDE TO WORSHIP**

**March 7, 2021**



*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk (\*) invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in bold is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Let us worship God!*

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY                    *Fairest Lord Jesus*                    arr. Eric Daub

INTROIT                    *Spirit of the Living God*                    Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Philippians 1:2*

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

#### And also to you.

Even now, declares the Lord, Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord Your God, for the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Come, Let us Worship the Lord.

### \*HYMN 630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,

O thou of God to earth come down,

thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,

thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring.

Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,

who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host.

Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

now and forevermore be thine!

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us Your word, both in scripture and in Your Son, You have promised us Your presence, and You have graced us with Your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject Your purposes for us. We do not love what You love. We do not embrace what You embrace. We do not defend what You have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with Your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we may live fully for Jesus Christ, now and forever-more. 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 #

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

God of all Wisdom and Glory, open us to the work of the Holy Spirit that we may hear Your Word with understanding, grace, and wisdom in this Season of Lent in Jesus name, Amen.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 5:1-8

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.”

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 5:9-18

At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*HYMN 518

*Your Only Son*

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

*Refrain:*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, we crucified;

we laughed and scorned him as he died;

the humble King we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*(Refrain)*

*(Continued)*

I was so lost, I should have died,  
but you have brought me to your side  
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

*(Refrain)*

### SERMON

*Jesus, a Pool, and a Man*

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.**

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*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.**

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

### \*HYMN 216

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat,  
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION