


The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God, by John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of their 23 wedding anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, March 14 - Guest Preacher, Rev. Craig Krueger
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

Sunday, March 21 - Blood Drive 8:30 to 1:30
8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service 

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday
7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Thursday, April 1 - Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. *Please make a reservation.*

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday
7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. - Let us solemnly honor the way Jesus suffered and died for our sins. *Please make a reservation.*



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



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.

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.

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. Worshipers will pick up their elements when they arrive. Rev. Doughton will preside at the Table in the Sanctuary. At the given time worshipers 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.

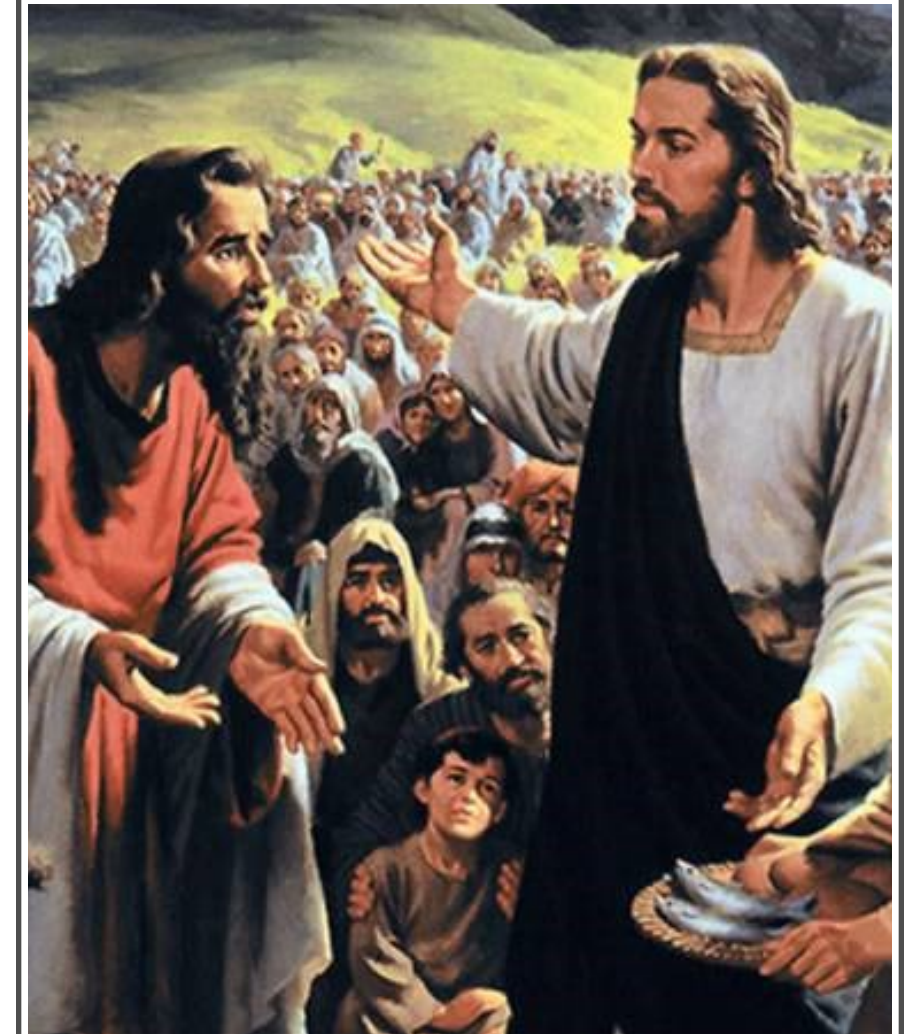
Thank you for prayerfully considering a couple of hours out of your Saturday to clean up around the church. If you have questions, please see David Howard, Property Chair.

THOSE WHO SERVE

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

March 14, 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Franklin Ritter

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 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

*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 6:1-4

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:38

“. . . give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

SERMON *An Abundance of Grace* Rev. Krueger

*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 & 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.**

*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *(sung twice)*

Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*VOLUNTARY *What Wondrous Love Is This?* arr. Mark Hayes

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - Ann Smith

** Deacon/Ushers - David Howard, Nick Scholl, Michael & Robbie Lee