

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday - Last Day to Order Easter Lilies

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
1:00 p.m. - Reverse Easter Bunny Sighting and Parade
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Easter Event Outside

Thursday, April 1 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.
Please make a reservation.

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

7:00 p.m. - Let us solemnly honor the way Jesus suffered and died
for our sins. *Please make a reservation.*

Sunday, April 4 - Easter

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

Monday, April 5 - Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 6

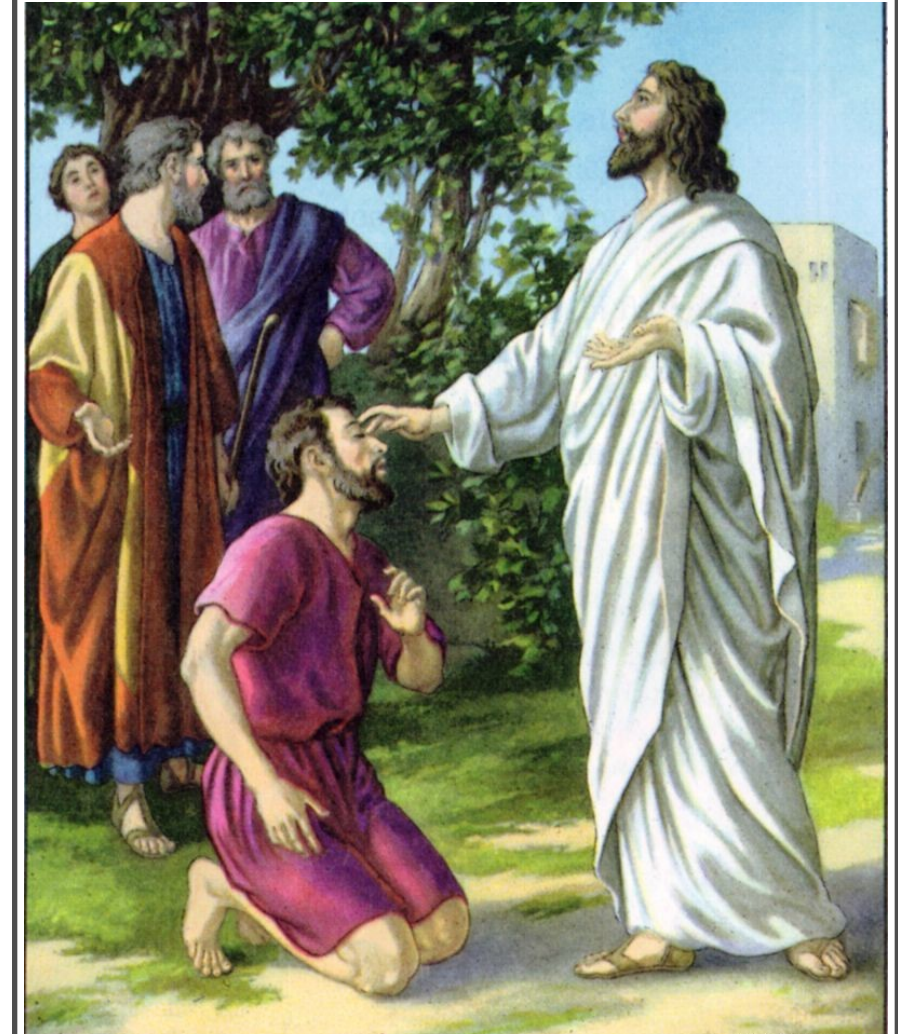
9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle mtg in sanctuary
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Night Circle Dinner Meeting at
Joe's Pizza & Pasta, 308 S. Galloway Ave., Mesquite,
TX 75149

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.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

March 28, 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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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. Our total for March is currently 154 cans.



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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Cindy Berry

INTROIT *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (v.1)* Jennette Threlfall

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*

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

And also to you.

Rejoice Greatly, O daughter of Zion! Lo, your King comes to you; Triumphant and Victorious is He; Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

*HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. *(Refrain)*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *(Refrain)*

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! *(Refrain)*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, Whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we have failed to fulfill Your will for us. We betray our neighbors and desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though You have bound Yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to You. God, have mercy on us, weak and willful people. Lead us once again to Your table, and united us to Christ, Who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. To Christ be praise forever. 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

Eternal, Almighty, and Merciful God; Whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but Your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Christ, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to Your service. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 9:1-12

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 9:35-41

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 197 *(v.2-3)* *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

SERMON *Jesus, the Blind Man, and the Rest* 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

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 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues its road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *(v.1)*

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!

*VOLUNTARY *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* arr. Richard Blake