

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*Refrain*)

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (*Refrain*)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** (*v.2*) *Lift High the Cross*

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (*Refrain*)

**\*VOLUNTARY** *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide* arr. Jody W. Lindh

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

# Elder - Beverlee Witty  
\*\* Deacon/Ushers - Bryan Sanders,  
Kay and Daniel Alvarez

**NEED TO KNOW COLUMN**

**Sunday, April 18**

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

**Tuesday, April 20**

7:00 p.m. - Mission Committee Meeting via Zoom

**Sunday, April 25 - Youth Sunday**

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast

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

**Sunday, May 2**

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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at all services

**Sunday, May 9 - Mother's Day**

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

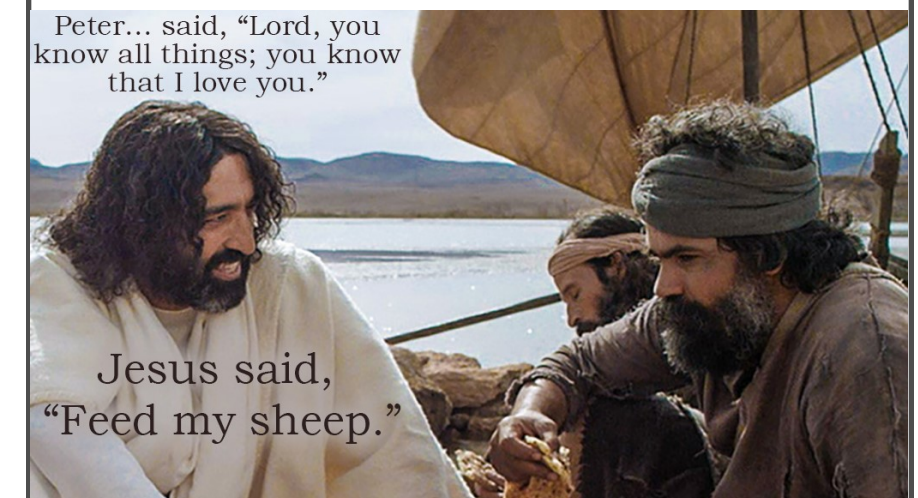
- ◆ We will honor Pete Allen for his service as Church Treasurer on Sunday, May 9. Worshippers are invited to gather in the parking lot following each worship service. From there the cars will caravan to Pete's house for a "Drive-by Salute". If you would like to show your appreciation for Pete by giving him a card, we will be collecting them in the Welcome Center until May 9th.

**Guidelines for Worship**

- 1) Three worship services (8:30, 9:45, and 11:00).
- 2) Forty worshippers 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) **Worshippers 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 worshippers. 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 worshippers. 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 worshippers 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**

**April 18, 2021**



Peter... said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

*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 to date for April is 74 cans.

**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

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* arr. Lani Smith

INTROIT *O God, You Are My God* David Strasser

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

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I will seek you in the morning,  
and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me,  
and I will follow you all of my days.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 8:1,3,4,9*

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

**And also to you.**

Oh Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above in the heavens. When we look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, who are we that You are mindful of us, that You care for us. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

\*HYMN 645 *Sing Praises to God Who Reigns Above*

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of God's might,  
lo! all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!

\*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 #

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 # John 21:4-14

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,  
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,  
to bear thee through the evil days.

Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still, and wait God's leisure  
in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure  
and all-discerning love hath sent.

No doubt our inmost wants are clear  
to One who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,  
but do thine own part faithfully.

Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.  
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

SERMON *Jesus and Peter* 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 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

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