

The flowers in our sanctuary today were given to the glory of God, by Duane and Joanne Moon in celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2 - Men's Retreat at Mo-Ranch

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.

Wednesday, May 12

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

Sunday, May 16 - Senior Sunday

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

Sunday, May 23 - Our service will have a Memorial Day Focus

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 30 - Guest Preacher - Craig Krueger

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

Reverend Doughton and his family will be away the week of May 29, through June 5.

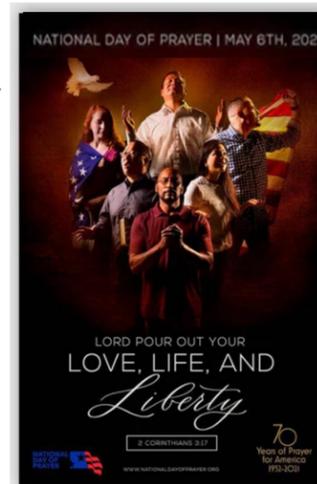
Monday, May 31

Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

The National Day of
Prayer
Thursday,
May 6, 2021



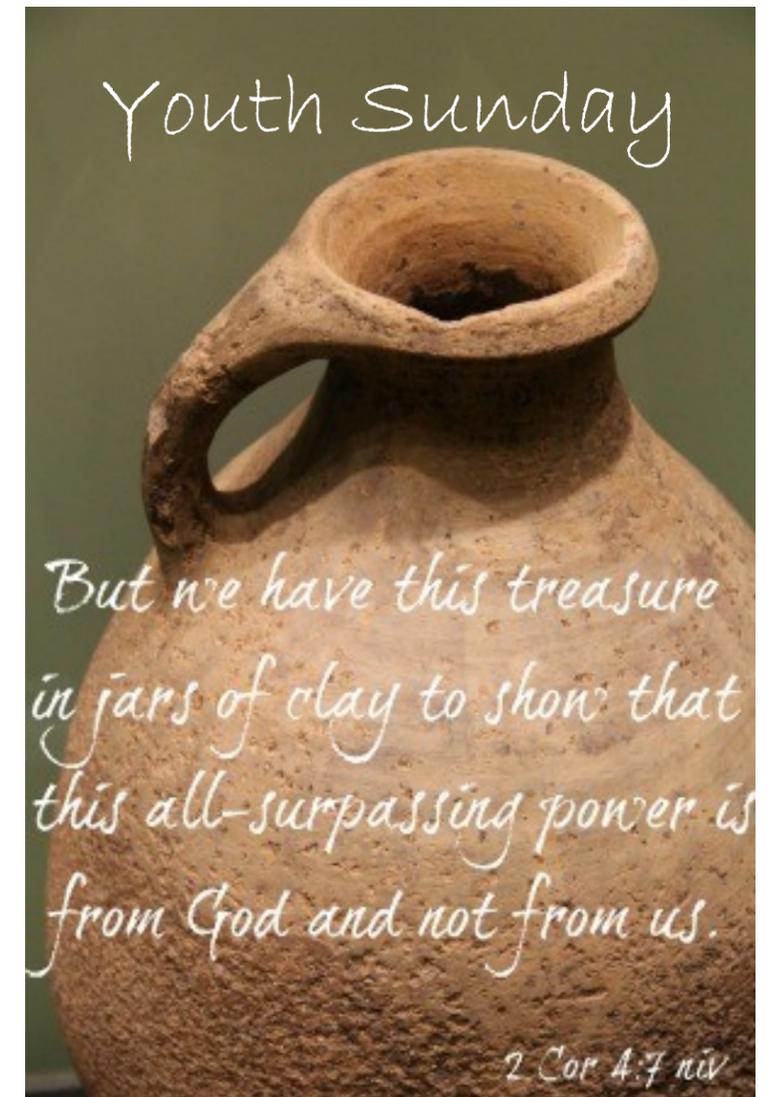
Don't forget to
pray for
our Leaders,
Nation, State,
City, Church and
our families.

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

April 25, 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 to date for April is **191** cans.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Gather Us In* arr. Mark Hayes

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

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
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 84:1,4,&11*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! Happy are those whose strength are in You, For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

*HYMN 627 *(sing twice) I Love You, Lord*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;
O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound to your ear.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, Your love for us is so very evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of Your great care for us. Yet, when it comes to following You, we confess that we often don't surrender our entire selves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control instead of releasing them to Your loving care. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Forgive us for frequently saying one thing and doing another. May our words and our actions line up. Make us willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, knowing full well that You will never leave us or forsake us. We pray this humbly, in Christ's Name. 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 Rev. Doughton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All-Knowing, Gracious God, challenge our minds where they need to be challenged, encourage our wills where they need encouragement, comfort our hearts where they need comforting in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*HYMN 701 *Lord, Prepare Me*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Psalm 104:28-31*

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
and he brought them out of their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper;
the waves of the sea were hushed.

They were glad when it grew calm,
and he guided them to their desired haven.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people
and praise him in the council of the elders.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Meaghan Ervin

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *2 Corinthians 4:7-9*

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Madison Starnes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *I'll Praise You In This Storm*
Ben Clifton

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 519 *(sing twice) You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

You are my strength when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

*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 *You Are My All in All* arr. Mark Hayes

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

2021 Seniors - Meaghan Ervin and Madison Starnes

Youth Participants - (8:30) Zoe Futrell,

Campbell Futrell, Bennett Doughton, and Mary Claire Doughton

(9:45) Bennett Doughton,

Mary Claire Doughton, Isaac Williams, and Kade Williams

(11:00) Mackenzie Davila,

Alberto Villafana, Julia Mauldin, and Chloée Starnes

Greeters - (8:30) Jackson Calhoun;

(9:45) Michael Villafana; (11:00) Parker Villafana

Deacon/Ushers - Taylor Hammer,

Brittany Anderson, Gina Villafana, and Madison Villafana