

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sheila Hammer

Deacon/Ushers - David Howard,
Nick Scholl, and Richard Mauldin

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Tuesday, May 4

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle in the sanctuary

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle in the sanctuary

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.

Tuesday, May 11

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

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

Tuesday, May 18

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee meet via Zoom

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.

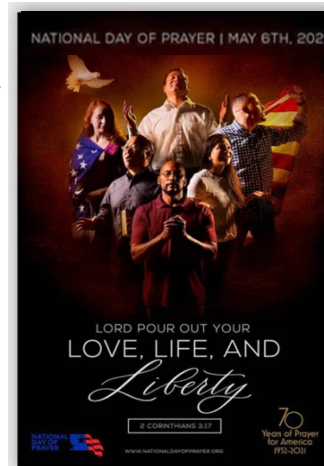
Monday, May 31

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



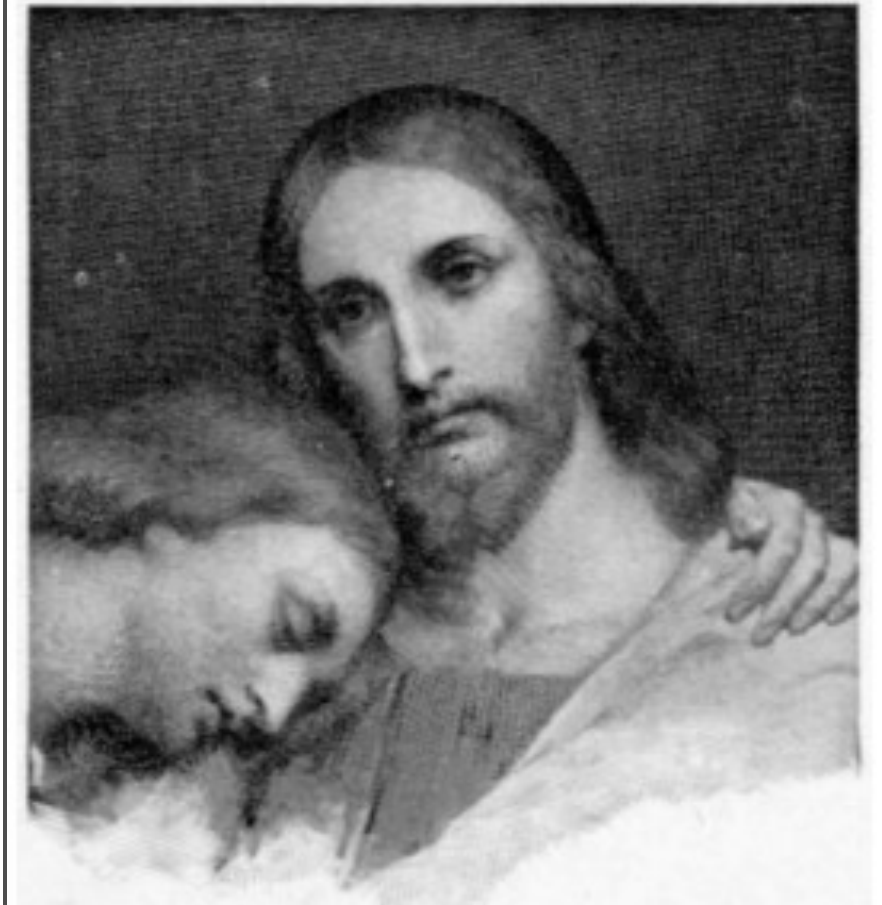
Don't forget to
pray for
our Leaders,
Nation, State,
City, Church and
our families.

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

May 2, 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 April was **220** cans.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Have Thine Own Way* arr. Paul Davis

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*

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

And also to you.

You, O Lord, are our strength and our shield, our rock and our salvation. You, O Lord, are Holy, You alone are Perfect Love, You alone are perfect Truth; and You, O Lord, are alone worthy of praise. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 81 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.

God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.

On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.

Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna

which God gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?

Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have done those things that which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O Merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your 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 #

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty God, Your Word makes wise the simple-open us to
Your message today as we hear Your Word read and preached in
Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 21:18-19*

“ . . . 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.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 21:20-23*

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 302 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way;

Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me After Thy will,

While I am waiting, Yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way;

Search me and try me, Master, today.

Whiter than snow, Lord, Wash me just now,

As in Thy presence Humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way;

Wounded and weary, Help me, I pray.

Power, all power, Surely is Thine,

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way;

Hold o'er my being Absolute sway.

Fill with Thy Spirit Till all shall see

Christ only, always, Living in me.

SERMON *Jesus and John* 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 686 *God of Our Life*

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.

With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.

Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.

With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.

When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.

Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

*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 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Rex Koury