

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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 today, May 9. Worshipers 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.

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 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.

Budget and Stewardship

Our 2021 budget is \$347,673.00

Your contributions to the church are so important. Please don't forget your pledge.

APRIL 2021

	BUDGET Y-T-D	ACTUAL Y-T-D
Income	116,024.28	147,068.29
Expenses	116,024.28	109,861.40

As of May 1 2021, our income exceeded our expenses by 37,206.89

Also remember that your pledge to the church includes your time and talents as well as your treasures.

THOSE WHO SERVE

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

May 9, 2021

JESUS REPLIED: "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." THIS IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."
MATTHEW 22:37-39

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 May is currently **44** cans.



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*
arr. Ron Boud

INTROIT *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloche
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you; *(Repeat once)*
to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 34:1, 22, 3*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also to you.
We will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in our mouths. The Lord redeems the lives of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned. O magnify the Lord with me and let us worship His name together.

*HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World*
This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.
This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal, Almighty, and Merciful God; our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by those in need. O God, in Your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through 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

Gracious God, Your grace is sufficient—and we pray for Your grace to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds as Your Word is read and preached today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 22:34-38*

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. . . ."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Exodus 20:2-6*

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 735 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior—I come to thee!

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. *(Refrain)*

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. *(Refrain)*

I need thee every hour, Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. *(Refrain)*

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION TO H.C. "PETE" ALLEN, JR.

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 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *(v.1)* *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me. Nothing will I fear
as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. *(Refrain)*

*VOLUNTARY *I Love Thee, My Lord* arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey
Deacon/Ushers - Michael Johnson,
Eric Schwartz and Terri Bragg