

\*HYMN 337

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee (v.4)*

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

SERMON

*Lest We Forget*

Rev. Doughton

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*tune is "THAXTED"*

**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago, Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know; We may not count her armies, we may not see her King; Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering; And soul by soul and silently shining bounds increase; And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.**

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

*Almighty Father, Strong to Save*

William Whiting,  
Robert Nelson Spencer

Almighty Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.  
O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our traffic runs amain  
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy brethren go,  
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From every peril on the land.  
O Spirit, Whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;  
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might  
Save all those who dare the eagle's flight,  
And keep them by Thy watchful care For every peril in the air.  
O Trinity of love and power, Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go; Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

*O God, Show Mercy to Us (v.2)*

Gustav Holst

For you will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness,  
and on the earth all nations will your just rule confess.  
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing.  
Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring.  
The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessings send,  
and all the earth will worship to its remotest end.

\*VOLUNTARY

*Fantasia on Come, Thou Fount*

John Purifoy

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dave Edling

Deacon/Ushers - Gina Villafana

Madison Villafana, Brittany Anderson & Taylor Hammer

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

**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.

**Sunday, June 6**

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

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

## 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) **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 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.

## 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 23, 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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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *God of Our Fathers* arr. Tedd Smith

INTROIT *O God, Show Mercy to Us (v.1)* Gustav Holst

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace;  
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face,  
so that your way most holy on earth may soon be known,  
and unto every people your saving grace be shown.  
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing;  
in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Romans 5:5, Acts 1:8*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### And also to you.

The Love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us and we shall be God's witnesses to the ends of the earth.

\*HYMN 336 *We Gather Together*

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, Who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith; We confess that we resist the force for Your Spirit among us; that we are slow to serve You, and reluctant to spread the good news of Your love. God have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by Your Spirit draw us together. In flame us with a desire to do Your will and be Your faithful people; for the sake of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 #

\*HYMN 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber wave of grain,  
for purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! God mend thy every flaw;  
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

READING *A Prayer of Gratitude*

adapted from President John F. Kennedy's  
Thanksgiving Day Proclamation for 11/28/1963.  
He was assassinated before the nation celebrated the day.

\*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads for in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.

Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:  
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.

Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never ending day.

Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

READING *A Prayer for Guidance*

adapted from an undated prayer in the journal of  
President George Washington

\*HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

(continued)

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

READING *A Prayer for Pentecost*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing God, Your Word is sharper than a two-edged sword. As we hear it read and preached today may it pierce any walls that would keep us from hearing Your Word to us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Deuteronomy 8*

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the Lord your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. If you do forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the Lord is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.