

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, June 27

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

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

On Sunday, July 4, we will return to two worship services, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. We will also go to "Mask Optional" in July. We are asking that you please make a reservation for worship, as we will continue to social distance for your safety. You may email Renee or call the church office.

Our dates for VBS have been set, August 4, 5 and 6. The Youth will participate in mission work in the mornings and classes for all ages will be held in the evenings. Please mark your calendars. Sign-ups will begin in July!



Calling all Kindergarten through 5th grade! Faith Builders!!

Please join us for Popsicles in the Park on Saturday, July 17 9:00am-11:00am @Sunnyvale Town Center Park (356 E Tripp Rd. Sunnyvale, TX 75182). We will have treats, play games and have lots of fun! We cannot wait for the kids to be able to get back together and enjoy some time of fellowship. Please find us on Facebook @Faith Builders at FPC Mesquite for updates. The children are encouraged to invite their friends.



Scan this QR Code to sign up for our next blood drive, Sunday, July 11, 2021. This drive will have 30 slots for donor, our goal is to have at least 20 or more successful donors. **23 slots left!**

The need for donors right now is important, and our drive will help the community. Let's be mission-minded and save lives through our donation of blood.

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.

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 June is currently **116 items.**

THOSE WHO SERVE

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

June 27, 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 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Charity B. Putnam

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;
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;
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; 1 Peter 1:3*

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

And also to you.

Blessed be the God and Father and our Lord Jesus Christ! By the great mercy of God we have been born anew to a living hope. Let us worship God!

*HYMN 628 *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!
Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!
Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your lovingkindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. 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 #

All knowing God-as we hear Your word read and preached may it startle us from our status quo, may it heal us where we are wounded, and may it inspire us where we are discouraged. May it light our paths and lead us to a new day in Jesus name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 22:34-36, 39-40*

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?"

". . . And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Exodus 20:15 & 17*

You shall not steal.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

SERMON *Yours and Mine* 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; Oh, 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.

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 *Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet* Amy Grant

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 *Bright New Day* arr. Lani Smith

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty
Deacon/Ushers - Eric Schwartz,
Kay Alvarez, and Daniel Alvarez