

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Brian Neece - 8:45; Ron Smith - 11:00

Deacon/Ushers - Nick Scholl,
Terri Bragg, and Eric Schwartz

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Paul and Susan Luce in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, July 4 - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed

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

Tuesday, July 6

7:00 p.m. - PW Evening Circle will meet for food, fun, and fellowship at Joe's Pizza, 302 S. Galloway

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.




Guidelines for Worship

- 1) Two worship services (8:45, and 11:00).
- 2) People call or email to make reservations for their service. Members will have assigned seats. We will use chart to maintain social distance.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) **Hand sanitizer is available near the entrance and exit of the sanctuary.**
- 6) **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.**
- 7) 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.
- 8) All Bibles, hymnals, attendance pads and note pads/pencils will be removed from the sanctuary. An Usher will take attendance.
- 9) **Following each service worshipers will take their bulletins to the back and place them in a recycle bin.**
- 10) 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.
- 11) One usher will record who sits where in that service. That will be kept in a log.
- 12) The first service will be recorded on DVD for our shut-ins and on YouTube to be available on Sunday evening for viewing.



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. **22 slots left!**

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



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 was **138 items.**

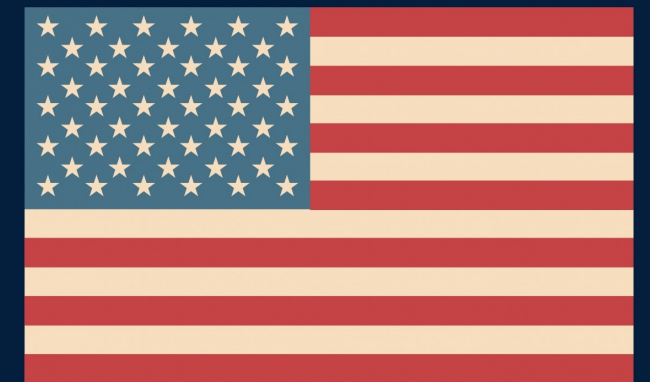
THOSE WHO SERVE

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

July 4, 2021

4TH JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY



GOD BLESS AMERICA

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 *When the Saints Go Marching In* arr. Dan Coates

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

And also to you.

The Lord has done great things for us already, therefore we rejoice. The merciful and gracious Lord has done His marvelous works that they ought to be remembered.

*HYMN 327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*
From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land,
in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world
with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and Merciful God, by Your power Christ is raised from death to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not believed in Him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread and our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, Who was dead but now lives, and Who will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when Your promised kingdom comes. 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

READING: *Prayers of the Presidents*
(this is an adaptation of prayers given by George Washington, Woodrow Wilson, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt)

*HYMN 337 *My Country 'Tis of Thee (v. 1-3)* Samuel Francis Smith

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my *fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song. Let mortal tongues awake;
let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong.

READING: *Prayers of the People*
(this is an adaptation of prayers given by a priest, a poet, a politician and a philosopher for the land and those in authority)

*HYMN 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* Katharine Lee Bates

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain 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 thine 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!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty and All knowing God, as Your Word is read and preached inspire our minds with strong conviction, give us the courage to act as You call us, and fill our hearts with compassion. In Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Deuteronomy 27:1-3*

Then Moses and the elders of Israel charged all the people as follows: Keep the entire commandment that I am commanding you today. On the day that you cross over the Jordan into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall set up large stones and cover them with plaster. You shall write on them all the words of this law when you have crossed over, to enter the land that the Lord your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 7:24-29*

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be

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like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *How Firm a Foundation* 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; Her shining bounds increase; And Her ways are ways of gentleness; And all Her paths are peace.

*MOMENT FOR MISSION Meg GarverHamilton

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 329 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength* George Kirbye

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid,
and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;
Though hills amid the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,
yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

Where God abides a river flows; that city will rejoice.
But nations fear and kingdoms shake before God's thundering voice.
Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand,
secure and safe with God's sure help, when trouble is at hand.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *My Country 'Tis of Thee (v. 4)* Samuel Francis Smith
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.

*VOLUNTARY *The Stars and Stripes Forever* John Philip Sousa
arr. Dan Coates