\*RESPONSE

Lord, Prepare Me (sung twice)

John Thompson & Randy Scruggs

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

\*VOLUNTARY

Rock of Ages

arr. John Turner

# **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

Elder # - (8:45) Dr. Carol Stephenson; (11:00) Margaret GarverHamilton Deacon/Ushers - Brittany Anderson, Taylor Hammer, Madison Villafana, and Gina Villafana

### **NEED TO KNOW COLUMN**

# Sunday, July 25 (Guest Preacher - Craig Krueger)

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast in the Youth Hall 8:45 a.m and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

## **Sunday, August 1 (Guest Preacher - Craig Krueger)**

8:45 a.m and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

# Wednesday, August 4 - Friday, August 6

8:30 a.m. - Youth Mission Work at Sharing Life (should you need a ride to the facility, please contact Sheila Hammer arrangements may be made to meet at the church at 8:00 a.m.)

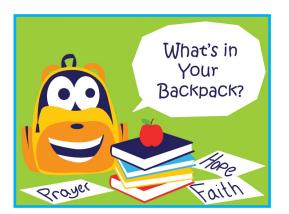
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

- Classes for Pre-K through 5th grade and Adult's
- The Youth will meet offsite for evening activities



# Sunday, August 8 - Blessing of the Backpacks 8:45 a.m and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School



Reverend Doughton and his family will be away July 20 - August 3. He will be back in time for Vacation Bible School on August 4. Rev. Craig Krueger will cover the pulpit for July 25 and August 1.

# **Guidelines for Worship**

- 1) Two worship services (8:45, and 11:00).
- 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.
- 6) 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. 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.
- 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.

## THE CHALLENGE



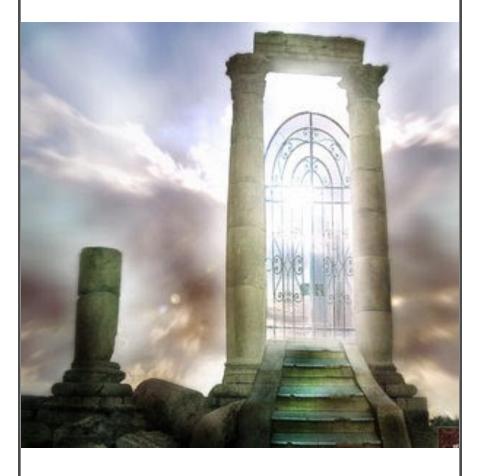
The 100 Can Challenge continues as we go forward in 2021.

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 current total for July is 118 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 25, 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 I Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Barbara Boertji

INTROIT As the Deer Martin J. Nystrom

As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

## **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 is the giver of all good things. The Lord has given hope to the world. The Lord gives us faith so we may stand. The Lord guides us and works to conform us to the image of Jesus Christ. Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.

The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.

God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne, while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You Sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from Your truth and from Your holy will. We have failed in love, we have forgotten to be just, and we have turned away from Your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to Your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. 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 Your Word is read and preached may it shine Your light on our lives, may it sharpen our wills to respond, and may it guide our direction to follow we pray in Jesus Name. Amen.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord. Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle [spirit] be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7:21-27

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.' "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and [yet] it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell and great was its fall."

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Krueger

All young disciples are asked to remain in their seats at this time.

#### \*HYMN 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands. Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

(Continued)

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

SERMON Pr

Practice

Rev. Krueger

# \*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 443

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see his face; there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION