*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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 Improvisation on 'Llanfair'

Steven Scott

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sheila Hammer

Deacon/Ushers - Terri Bragg,

Nick Scholl, Eric Schwartz and Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, August 1 (Guest Preacher - Craig Krueger)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both services 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 (Meet in the North Parking Lot 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 in the north parking lot for evening activities off-site.

Sunday, August 8 - Blessing of the Backpacks

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

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Faith Builder's Swim Party



Calling all kids K-5th grade

Faith Builders is having a back-to-school pool party for the children and their parents, on August 8, from 2pm to 4pm at 100 Woodcreek Blvd, Fate, TX 75087. Bring your swim suit and towel, we look forward to seeing you there.



Wednesday, August 11

7:00 p.m. - Joint Officers Meeting in the sanctuary

Sunday, August 15

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

12:00 p.m. - Budget Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 17

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, August 22

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

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Tuesday, August 24

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Annual Kick-off Meeting in the sanctuary. There will be no salad supper.

Reverend Doughton and his family are out of Covid Quarantine and are in North Carolina. They will return to Texas on Tuesday, August 3. They will also be right in there with VBS on Wednesday, August 4. They appreciate all of the encouragement, support, and prayers.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- All Bibles, hymnals, attendance pads and note pads/pencils will be removed from the sanctuary. An Usher will take attendance.
- 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

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 July was 156 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 August 1, 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 Love to Tell the Story arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Bless the Lord O, my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name.

*HYMN 33 Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia! saints within God's courts below, Alleluia! angels round the throne above, Alleluia! all who see and share God's love. Alleluia! Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia! Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia! Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia! Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia! All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia! singing praise forevermore, 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 hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, Who was dead but lives, and 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 #

ANTHEM Glory to His Name
Ben Clifton

John H. Stockton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All knowing, Faithful, God who directs the steps of those who listen, may Your Word today inspire us with purpose, may it challenge us to live with integrity, and may we discern Your leadership for our lives and this church in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Acts 16:6-13

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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 440

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past. Safe into the haven guide. O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee. Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring. Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

(Continued)

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

SERMON

The Boat Awaits

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.

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 462

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)