

*RESPONSE *Lord, Prepare Me* John Thompson
(sung twice) & 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 *You Shall Go Out With Joy* Geoffrey Andrews

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Kay Alvarez (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - David Howard,
Bryan Sanders, Bennett Doughton

Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Duane, Jim, and Sharon Moon, in loving memory of their mother, Wanda Moon on her birthday.

Please find an insert in your bulletin "**Suggestions for New Church Officers.**" Yes, it's that time of year again, to suggest who you think would serve our church well, as officers for the next three years. The deadline to nominate is Sunday, September 5, 2021.

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.



NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

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
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. L.I.F.E Youth Swim Party

Tuesday, August 24

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

Wednesday, August 25

1:00 p.m. - Outreach Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 29

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

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 worshippers. 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 worshippers. 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. 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 worshippers 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.

Budget and Stewardship

Our 2021 budget is \$347,673.00

Your contributions to the church are so important. Please don't forget your pledge.

	JULY 2021	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL
	Y-T-D	Y-T-D
Income	209,942.53	246,972.63
Expenses	209,942.53	190,005.70

As of August 1, 2021 our income exceeded our expenses by 56,966.93.

Also remember that your pledge to the church includes your time and talents as well as your treasures.

THE CHALLENGE



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

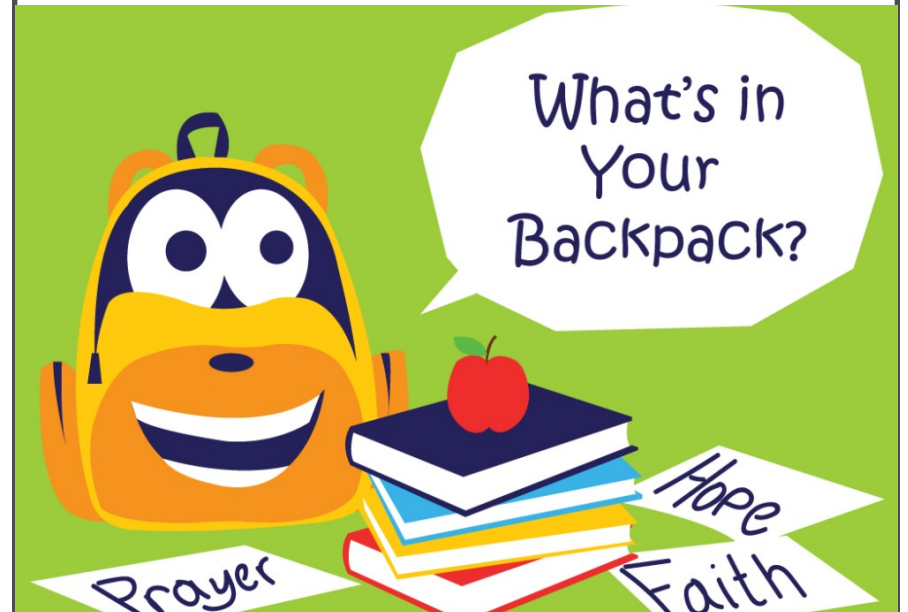
Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our current total for August is **23 items**.

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

August 8, 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 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* 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.

Glory and praise to our God, Who alone gives light to our days, many are the blessings He bears to those who trust in His ways. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 612 *We Praise You, O God*

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have ignored Your commandments and we have strayed from Your ways. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We fail to reach out to those in need. We confess that we are slow to follow Your leading. We prefer to do things our own way, and ignore Your presence in our lives. Have mercy on us, forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve You and honor Your holy name. 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 *Our God* Chris Tomlin
Knights and Princesses of the North Castle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious and Loving God, As we once again hear Your Word may it convict us of where we fall short, may it show us a better way to live, and may we have a vision of Your holiness in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Daniel 1:3-5*

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 1:80; 2:39-40; 2:51-52*

The child [John the Baptist] grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

When they [Mary and Joseph] had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Then he [Jesus] went down with them [Mary and Joseph] and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother [Mary] treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;

O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *(Refrain)*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *(Refrain)*

SERMON *What Is In Your Backpack?* 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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS *Rev. Doughton*
All young disciples are asked to remain in their seats at this time.

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 838 *Standing on the Promises*

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. *(Refrain)*

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. *(Refrain)*

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. *(Refrain)*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION