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. Please make sure the nominee knows of your suggestion and make sure they are willing to serve.

THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2022

Kay Alvarez

CLASS OF 2023

Amanda Aynes

George Venner

Dave Edling	John Futrell	James Calhoun
Meg GarverHamilton	Suzanne Ivy	Brandon Hall
Phil Johnson	Paula Kusewitt	Robbie Robinson
Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey	Sheryl Miller	Gracy Thomas
Ann Smith	Brian Neece	·
THE BOARD OF DEACONS		
CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022	CLASS OF 2023
Terri Bragg	Brittany Anderson	Taylor Hammer
Anne Grills	Richard Mauldin	Michael Johnson
David Howard	Bryan Sanders	Eric Schwartz
Robbie Lee	Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey	Madison Villafana
Nick Scholl	Gina Villafana	
Phil Wright		
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES		
CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022	CLASS OF 2023

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Don Neece

Sunday, August 15

CLASS OF 2021

Diane Beal

Jerry Jones

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

- Worshipers must wear masks at all times. This is in accordance to the guidelines from Dallas County. We do have masks available.
- 2) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) All Bibles, hymnals, attendance pads and note pads/pencils will be removed from the sanctuary. An Usher will take attendance.
- 10) Following each service worshipers will take their bulletins to the back and place them in a recycle bin.
- 11) 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.
- 12) One usher will record who sits where in that service. That will be kept in a log.
- 13) The first service will be recorded on DVD for our shut-ins and on YouTube to be available on Sunday evening for viewing.

L.I.F.E. Youth Swim Party

The L.I.F.E. Youth is having an *end of summer* pool party on August 22, from 2pm to 4pm at 100 Woodcreek Blvd, Fate, TX 75087. Bring your swim suit and towel, we look forward to seeing you there. This event is hosted by the Doughton's.



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 from the congregation is 65 items, VBS collected 169, totaling 234. Thank you to all for your continued support.

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 15, 2021

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:33

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 Lord, Speak to Me

arr. Lani Smith

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; Psalm 147:1, 5

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

And also to you.

Praise the Lord, How good it is sing praises to our God; for He is gracious and a song of praise is fitting. Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure-Praise the Lord.

*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

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, in every age You have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to Your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, Your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow, so that living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with Him forever. 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

Almighty and All-Knowing God, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as Your Word is read and proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. 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

Ephesians 5:33, 6:1-4

Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—this is the first commandment with a promise: "so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Doughton

At this time all young disciples are asked to stay seated with their family.

*HYMN 62 (sing twice)

Love the Lord Your God

Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul. Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

SERMON

Who Do You Honor?

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 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Lord, Prepare Me (sing 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 # - Robbie Robinson (8:45); Eric Schwartz (11:00) Deacon/Ushers - Bryan Sanders, Michael Johnson and Gina Villafana