

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.

CLASS OF 2021 Diane Beal Dave Edling Meg GarverHamilton Phil Johnson Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey Ann Smith	THE SESSION CLASS OF 2022 Kay Alvarez John Futrell Suzanne Ivy Paula Kusewitt Sheryl Miller Brian Neece	CLASS OF 2023 Amanda Aynes James Calhoun Brandon Hall Robbie Robinson Gracy Thomas
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NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Sunday, September 5

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

Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

- The church office will be closed

Tuesday, September 7

- 9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle
- 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle

Wednesday, September 8

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

Sunday, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 14

- 7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 19

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

Guidelines for Worship

- 1) **Worshippers 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).
- 3) 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 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.
- 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 worshippers 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 **98 items, VBS collected 169, totaling 267. Thank you to all for your continued support.**

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 22, 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 Boertje

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.

As the deer pants for the water, so do our hearts long after You;
You alone are our souls desire and we long to worship You. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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 filed the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where're 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 they glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from they 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

Almighty, Holy, and Gracious God; we confess that we have not followed the light of Your word. We have not searched for signs of Your love in the world or trusted Your good news to be good. We have refused Your peace on earth, we have expected little, and we have hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires and godly ambitions. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 *Deep River* arr. Mark Hayes
Brenda Greer - Solo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty God, Your Word makes wise the simple-open us to
Your message today as we hear Your Word read and preached 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 # *Galatians 6:7-10*

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever
you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption
from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal
life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is
right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So
then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good
of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

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 *What Did You Say?* 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 king-
dom 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 737 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Lord, Prepare Me* John Thompson
(sing 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 *Profession of Faith* arr. Todd Kendall

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Kay Alvarez (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - Brittany Anderson,
Taylor Hammer, Madison Villafana, and Gina Villafana