

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
CLASS OF 2021 Terri Bragg Anne Grills David Howard Robbie Lee Nick Scholl Phil Wright	THE BOARD OF DEACONS CLASS OF 2022 Brittany Anderson Richard Mauldin Bryan Sanders Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey Gina Villafana	CLASS OF 2023 Taylor Hammer Michael Johnson Eric Schwartz Madison Villafana
CLASS OF 2021 Jerry Jones	THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CLASS OF 2022 Don Neece	CLASS OF 2023 George Venner

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

12:00 p.m. - Faith Builders Pizza Party and T-Shirt Designing

Tuesday, September 21

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

Wednesday, September


7:00 p.m. - Mission Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 26

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


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.



17th Annual Addressing Mesquite Day Saturday, October 2

Addressing Mesquite Day is held in partnership with the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite. The annual one-day event focuses on home repairs needed by senior citizens, single parents, military veterans and disabled homeowners in Mesquite. Sign-up sheets and volunteer forms can be found in the welcome center. If you have questions, please see Eric Schwartz.



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 **169 items, VBS collected 169, totaling 338. 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 29, 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Dale Wood

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 31 *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed; with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

*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 #

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 # *Philippians 4:10-14*

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived
your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had
no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in
need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I
know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty.
In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being
well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in
need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any
case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

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 Want?* 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 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

*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 *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful* arr. Dale Wood

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elder # - George Venner (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers - Robbie Lee,
Eric Schwartz and Michael Lee**