

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 today, 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, 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

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

Wednesday, September 15

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

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 22

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

Sunday, October 3 - World Wide Communion

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
4:30 p.m. - Church Picnic & Vespers, Sunnyvale Town Center Park

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God and in honor of Lucy Hope Lawrence Sheppard’s birthday. Happy Birthday, Hope.




Mark your calendars: Annual Church Picnic and Vespers Service

Sunday, October 3, 4:30 p.m.
Town Center Park, 356 Tripp Road, in Sunnyvale.

Town Center Park is located between Belt Line and Collins Road, but is closer to Collins.


Watch the bulletins for more details.



Faith Builders will design their own t-shirt while enjoying a pizza party.




Sunday, September 19 immediately following the 11:00 worship service.



MESQUITE
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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

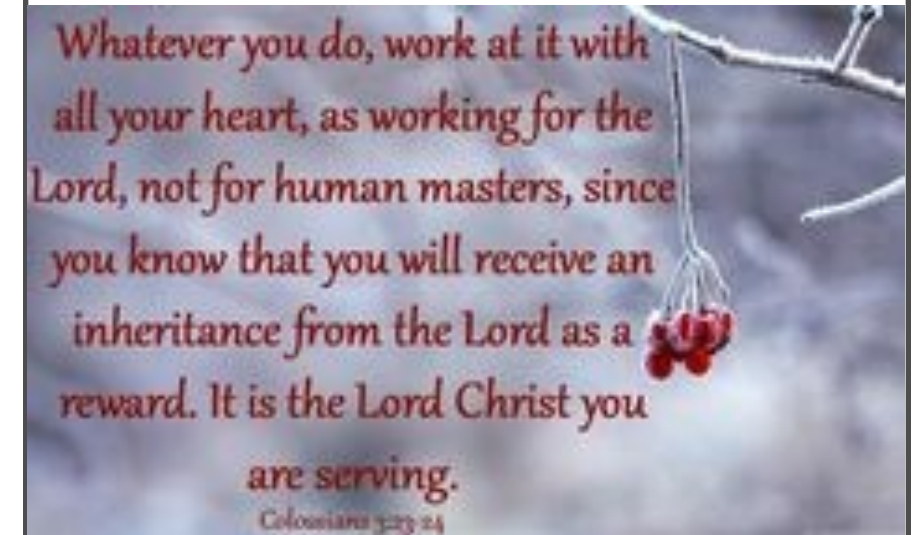
The 100 Can Challenge continues as we go forward in 2021. Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our current total for August from the congregation is **205 items, VBS collected 169, totaling 374. 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

September 5, 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 *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter

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.

All praise to You, God our Father Who loves us with an everlasting love, All praise to You, Jesus Christ-Who gives us grace without end, All praise to You, Holy Spirit Who brings us together as a fellowship family of faith; All Praise to You Holy Trinity, three in one. Amen.

*HYMN 63 *The Lord Is God*

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might, O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Holy, and Gracious God; we confess that we have not looked to Your light, we have not followed Your ways, we have not sought Your perfect wisdom. We have done what we should not have done. We have neglected to do the actions You call us to do. We have not loved as You call us to love. We have not thought through our days as You call us to think. Forgive us, we pray, by the forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit give us minds to think, wills to act, and hearts to love that bring honor and glory to You. 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 #

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious God, Your grace is sufficient-and we pray for Your grace to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds as Your Word is read and preached 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 # *Colossians 3:17, 23*

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters

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 Is It Worth?* 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.

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 733 *We All Are One in Mission*

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

*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 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* J. Bert Carlson

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Paula Kusewitt (8:45); Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - Nick Scholl,
Terri Bragg and Michael Johnson