

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by John and Paula Kusewitt, in memory of 911 on the 20th anniversary. We will always remember.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Saturday, October 2

Addressing Mesquite Day

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

Budget and Stewardship

Our 2021 budget is \$347,673.00

Your contributions to the church are so important. Please don't forget your pledge. AUGUST 2021

	BUDGET Y-T-D	ACTUAL Y-T-D
Income	231,915.28	283,757.88
Expenses	231,915.28	218,774.34

As of September 1, 2021 our income exceeded our expenses by \$64,983.54. Also remember that your pledge to the church includes your time and talents as well as your treasures.



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
T E X A S
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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 September is **53 items**. 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 12, 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 *The Master Hath Come* arr. Ron Boud

INTROIT *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* Geron Davis
We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 8:1,3,4,9*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Oh Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above in the heavens. When we look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, who are we that You are mindful of us, that You care for us. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

*HYMN 37 *Let All Things Now Living*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and Holy God, We come before You in heartfelt confession, acknowledging that we are a broken people, living in a broken world. This world is dark with the stain of sin. Your design for creation has been corrupted by the abuse of power, the appetite for things, and the enslavement of our wills. We allow evil to go unchallenged, and become passive and indifferent to Your call to engage the world with the Gospel. Forgive our sinfulness. Our sins of commission and omission have separated us from You, from others, and from the world You seek to redeem. 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 #

Lord, take Your Word and apply it to our minds that we not grow shallow, apply it to our hearts that we not grow cold, and apply it to our feet that we might not just be hearers of Your Word but doers also. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 16:13-18*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Revelation 2:1-7*

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands: "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

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 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

SERMON *The Church at Ephesus* 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 175 *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Give Praise to the Lord (vs 1)*

Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
amid all the saints God's praises prolong;
a song to your Maker and Ruler now raise,
all children of Zion: rejoice and give praise.

*VOLUNTARY *Seek Ye First* arr. John Purifoy

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Mary McBain (8:45); Diane Beal (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers - Robbie Lee, Michael Lee
and Bryan Sanders