

Moderator: Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: *(to Elders)* Will you be a faithful **Elder**, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

*(to Deacons)* Will you be a faithful **Deacon**, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ.

Candidate: I will.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE PEOPLE

Elder: Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: **We do.**

Elder: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church?

People: **We do.**

#### RECOGNITION OF NEW TRUSTEE

#### PRESENTATION OF THE TRUSTEES

Elder: Mr. Moderator, Phil L Johnson, Jr. has been elected to serve as a Trustee of the church for the class of 2023. We wish to recognize the responsibility he has accepted.

#### ADDRESS TO THE TRUSTEE

Moderator: God has given you special gifts to serve him, and we have chosen you for special work. Under the law of the state, you will conduct business for the church, as authorized by the Session. By your energy, honesty and fairness you will demonstrate Christian faith to those you deal with on our behalf.

#### QUESTION TO THE TRUSTEE

Moderator: Do you promise to give the business affairs of this congregation your devoted attention, to encourage generosity and, in all your dealings, work to further our service of Christ in the world?

Trustee: I do.

#### QUESTION TO THE PEOPLE

Moderator: Do you receive this person as your Trustee, and do you promise to support her in his work for the church?

People: **We do.**

#### THE PRAYER

Holy God: You made the world and called it good, and appointed us to manage things as agents of your love. Guide all Your servants who represent us to be wise children of light, who show Your trust by being trustworthy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 151 *(vs. 1-4)*

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE *(vs. 5)*

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

\*VOLUNTARY

*We Three Kings*

arr. Chip Davis

#### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Meg GarverHamilton *(11:00)*

Deacon/Ushers - Eric Schwartz,  
Madison Villafana, and Taylor Hammer

#### NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

**Sunday, Jan 2 - Ordain and Install new church officers**

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (only one service)

**Tuesday, Jan 4**

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

**Wednesday, Jan 5**

7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons

**Sunday, Jan 9 - Communion**

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

9:30 a.m. - Alleluia Chimes rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

4:00 p.m. - Take down Christmas Décor

**Tuesday, Jan 11**

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

**Wednesday, Jan 12**

6:30 p.m. - New Year Service for Healing and Wholeness

7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

**Saturday, Jan 15**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Officer Training

**Sunday, Jan 16**

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

**Tuesday, Jan 18**

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

**Wednesday, Jan 19**

6:30 a.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Sunday, Jan 23**

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast and Prayer

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

**Monday, Jan 24**

6:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

**Sunday, Jan 30**

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

5:00 p.m. - Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting

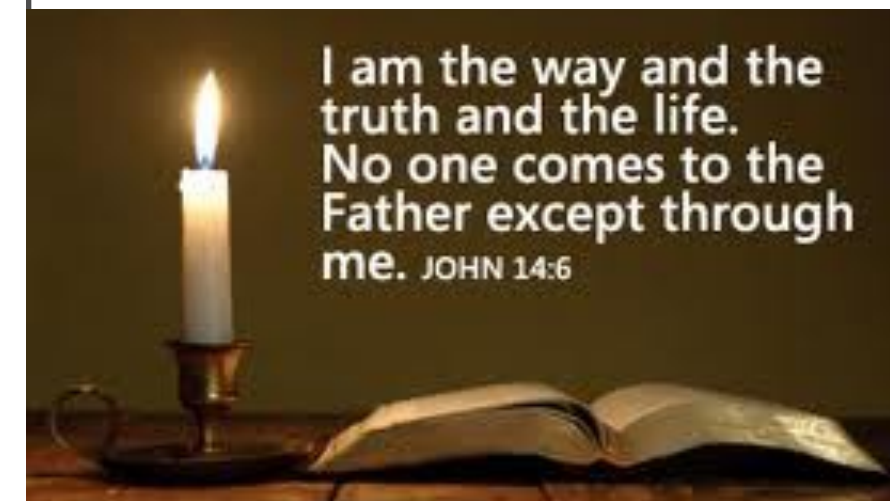
**Monday, Jan 30**

6:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

# GUIDE TO WORSHIP

JANUARY 2, 2022

11:00 a.m.



*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!*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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#### THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor  
Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries  
Ryoji Shimpō, Organist  
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant  
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Reflection on 'Hyfrydol'* arr. Don Phillips

INTROIT *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* John W Work II  
Chancel Choir (vs.1)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
While shepherds keep their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, through-out the heavens there shone a holy light.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Isaiah 60:1, Titus 2:11*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### And also to you.

Arise, shine: for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. The grace of God has dawned upon the world and healing for all humankind.

\*HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, You have given us Jesus, the Light of the world. However, we choose darkness and cling to sins that hide the brightness of Your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to the new life. Baptize us with Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach Your word to the nations and tell of Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Light 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 #

ANTHEM *Mary, Did You Know* Mark Lowry  
Ben Clifton, Soloist

Mary did you know that your baby boy will some day walk on water?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
And when your kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God.  
Oh Mary did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb.  
Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding is the great I am.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty and All-Knowing God-as we seek Your light at this time, open our minds that we may find Your Hope, open our spirits that we may find Your peace, open our hearts that we might find Your love, open our wills that we might find Your joy as Your Word is read and preached in Jesus Name, Amen. .

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*John 1:29-34*

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because He was before me.' I myself did not know Him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but the One Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the One Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*John 14:1-7*

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you know Me, you will know My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Doughton

*Children are asked to remain seated at this time.*

## \*HYMN 134

*Joy to the World*

SERMON *I Am the Truth the Way and the Life* Rev. Doughton

## \*HYMN 152

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

## \*ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

### THE SENTENCES

There are different gifts,

**But it is the same spirit Who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**But it is the same Lord Who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways,

**But it is the same God Who achieves His purpose through them all.**

*(continued)*

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**To use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

**Individually we are members of Him.**

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make the church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, in the glory of God the Father. Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, Ruling Elders or Deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if he wants to be first among you, he must be the slave of all!"

**Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and give His life to set others free.**

## PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Elder: Mr. Moderator, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Michael H. Lee and D. Renee Stormer to be ordained and installed as Elders, and Susan K. Farmer, Sheila J. Hammer, and Stephen A. Leake to be installed to duty on the Session. And, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Debra L. Ford, and Bennett J Doughton to be ordained and installed as Deacons and Nicolas A. Scholl, and David Stormer to be installed to duty on the Board of Deacons.

*(Officers-elect will present themselves - please stand and remain in place.)*

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

Moderator: Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Candidate: I do and I will.

Moderator: Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Candidate: I will.

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