

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God by Meg GarverHamilton in honor of her granddaughter, Paiton Grace Garver on her 19th birthday.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, Feb 27

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast and Prayer Meeting
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
12:30 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Luncheon & Meeting
4:30 p.m. - Faith Builders Scavenger Hunt

Monday, Feb 28

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

6:30 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Service
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons meeting

Sunday, March 6 - Communion at both services

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

Monday - Friday, March 7 to 11

Spring Break for Rockwall & Forney ISD

Wednesday - March 9 - 13

Rev. Doughton & Family will be away on vacation

Sunday, March 13 - Blood Drive - Guest Preacher Craig Krueger

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

Monday - Friday, March 14-18

Spring Break for Mesquite ISD

Tuesday, March 15

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

Wednesday, March 16

6:30 a.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Sunday, March 20

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
5:00 p.m. - Faith Builders
6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Dinner & Program (Mission Themed)

Friday, March 25 to Sunday March 27

Women's Retreat at Camp Hoblitzelle

Saturday, March 26

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. L.I.F.E. Youth Scripture Scavenger Hunt

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Are you interested in a short-term mid-week Lenten Study?

If the interest is there, Rev. Doughton will lead a five-week Lenten Study on the following Wednesdays: March 16, 23, 30, April 6, and 13 at 10 AM. If you are interested, please let us know "yes, I will make that commitment".

We need at least six people to commit for the group to launch.



Faith Builders
Sunday, February 27, 2022
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
at FPC Mesquite

Come join us for a scavenger hunt of old downtown Mesquite. We will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. then head to downtown Mesquite to locate the historic treasures and record our findings with photos of the hunt. We will then meet back at the church by 6:00 p.m. in time for the fellowship dinner.

Feel free to bring a friend this will be an adventures afternoon.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30 PM

We will gather in the Sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday Service.

This will be our first such in-person service since Ash Wednesday of 2020.

Let us worship together!



L.I.F.E. Youth will begin their fund raising will begin in March. They will be selling Butter Braid frozen pastries. Last day to order is March 20. Orders will be back before Easter.

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

February 27, 2022

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

"I am making everything new!"

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

Revelation 21:1 & 5 niv

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 *Blessings and Honor and Glory and Power* David Paxton

INTROIT *We Fall Down* Chris Tomlin
(11:00) Chancel Choir

We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus:
the greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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 385 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, in every age You have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to Your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, Your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow, so that living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with Him 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services
Diane Pennington

ANTHEM *(11:00)* *Life's Railway to Heaven* M.E. Abbey
Ben Clifton, soloist Charlie D. Tillman
and Jesse Randall Baxter

Life is like a mountain railroad with an engineer that's brave.
We must make the run successful from the cradle to the grave.
Watch the curves the hills and tunnels never falter never fail.
Keep your hand upon the throttle and your eyes upon the rail.

Blessed Savior Thou will guide us, till we reach that blissful shore.
Where the angels wait to join us, in Thy praise forever more.

You will roll up grades of trail, you will cross the bridge of strife.
See that Christ is your conductor, on this lighting train of life.

You will roll up grades of trial you will cross the bridge of strife
See that Christ is your conductor on this lightning train of life.

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Always mindful of obstructions do your duty never fail.
Keep your hand upon the throttle and your eyes upon the rail.
You will often find obstructions look for storms of wind and rain.
On a fill or curve or trestle they will almost ditch your train.

Put your trust alone in Jesus never falter never fail.
Keep your hand upon the throttle and your eyes upon the rail.
As you roll across the trestle spanning Jordan's swelling tide.
You behold the Union Depot into which your train will glide.

There you'll meet the Superintendent, God the Father, God the Son.
With the hearty joyous plaudit weary pilgrim welcome.

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 # *Psalm 16:9-11*

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For You do not give me up to Sheol, or let Your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In Your presence there is fullness of joy; in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Revelation 21:1-7*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them; He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the One Who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be My children.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Doughton
Children are asked to remain seated at this time.

*HYMN 242 *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*

SERMON *The Triumph of the Plan* 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 375 *We Shall Gather at the River*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Jesus, Remember Me* Jacques Berthier
(11:00) Chancel Choir *(sing twice)*

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

*VOLUNTARY *Recessional* Ira B. Wilson

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Eric Schwartz (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers **

(8:45) Bryan Sanders, Michael & Robbie Lee
(11:00) Bryan Sanders, Bennett Doughton, Lori Herring,
and Liz Ramsey