

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of their 24th wedding anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Wednesday - March 9 - 13

Rev. Doughton & Family will be away on vacation

Sunday, March 13 - 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 - Blood Drive

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)

Monday, March 21

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

Wednesday, March 23

6:30 a.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Saturday, March 26

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

Sunday, March 27 - Jubilate Ringers play

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

Monday, March 28

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

Wednesday, March 30

6:30 a.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, April 3 - Communion at both services

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Monday, April 4

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, April 5

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

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women - Morning and Evening Circle

Light Dinner and PW Birthday Offering

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

Rev. Doughton will lead a five-week Lenten Study on the following Wednesdays: March 16, 23, 30, April 6, and 13 at 10 AM. Please join us.



Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday-April 10
Maundy Thursday-April 14
Good Friday-April 15
Easter Sunday-April 17



EASTER EGGS NEEDED . . .

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE COULD USE YOUR HELP! WE NEED CANDY STUFFED EASTER EGGS. INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED COOKIES OR SNACKS AND JUICE DRINKS FOR OUR EGG HUNT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022.

THIS IS A LARGE PART OF OUR OUTREACH DURING HOLY SEASON, PLEASE HELP US SHOW OFF OUR WONDERFUL CHURCH FAMILY AND FACILITIES. Thank you!



Calling all 1st through 5th graders

Join us on Sunday,
March 20, at 4:30 p.m.
as we plant
God's Garden of Blessings
Then stay for dinner at
6:00 p.m.



All Church Workday, Saturday, April 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Property Committee will be heading up an "all church workday" at our church on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This time will be dedicated to sprucing up the place, both inside and out, before Holy Week.



Please prayerfully considering a couple of hours out of your Saturday to clean up around the church.

If you have questions, please see me.

Thank you! Eric Schwartz, Property Chair.



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 27. Orders will be back before Easter.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

March 13, 2022

8:45 a.m. & 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*

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THOSE WHO SERVE

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Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. Ron Boud

INTROIT *You Are Holy* Marc Imboden
(11:00) Chancel Choir Tammi Rhoton

You are holy; You are mighty; You are worthy, worthy of praise.
I will follow; I will listen; I will love You all of my days.

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.
I will love and adore Him; I will bow down before Him.

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.
I will love and adore Him; I will bow down before Him.

You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; (Adapted from Joel 2:12-14)*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Even now, declares the Lord, return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord Your God, for the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Come, let us Worship the Lord.

*HYMN 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us Your word, both in scripture and in Son, You have promised us Your presence, and You have graced us with Your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject Your purposes for us. We do not love what You love. We do not embrace what You embrace. We do not defend what You have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with Your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we may live fully for Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. 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 *(11:00) For Love Alone* Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir Rose Aspinall

Holy prayers, eternal dreams, His voice now silenced by evil's schemes; and lifted up upon a cross, alone He suffers. Oh, precious loss!
For love alone, at Calvary; for love alone, He set me free.
For love alone, upon that tree, the sinless Savior, He died for me.

Crucified, His pierced heart; this Savior given now departs.
"It is finished," the Lion cries! The battle over, the grave denied!
For love alone at Calvary; for love alone, He set me free.

For love alone, upon that tree, the sinless Savior He died for me.
Mercy there was great, and grace was free; pardon was multiplied to me;
there my burdened soul found liberty, at Calvary.

For love alone, at Calvary; for love alone, He set me free.
For love alone, upon that tree, the sinless Savior, He died for me, for me.
The sinless Savior, He died for m, for me. For love alone.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all Wisdom and Glory, open us to the work of the Holy Spirit that we may hear Your Word with understanding, grace, and wisdom in this Season of Lent in Jesus name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Ezekiel 34:1-6*

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Matthew 10:5-15*

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

*HYMN 835 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

SERMON *Job Description* Rev. Krueger

*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 223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *God, We Honor You* James E. Clemens
(11:00) Chancel Choir

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

*VOLUNTARY *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* arr. Kevin Boesiger

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Suzanne Ivy (8:45); John Kusewitt (11:00)

Youth Readers ♦

Campbell Futrell (8:45); MacKenzie Aynes (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers **

Eric Schwartz, Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey,
Michael and Robbie Lee (8:45)

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and Michael Villafana (11:00)