

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Hope Sheppard in memory of her beloved husband, Rev. James "Jim" R. Sheppard. Remembering him for what would have been his 90th birthday.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, March 20 - Blood Drive

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
12:00 p.m. - Faith Builders



Monday, March 21

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

Wednesday, March 23

7:00 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
6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Dinner & Program (Mission Themed)

Monday, March 28

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

Wednesday, March 30

7:00 p.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

Wednesday, April 6

6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons meeting

Saturday, April 9

9:00 a.m. - All Church Workday

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday

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



Holy Week Schedule:

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

**Fellowship Dinner
and Mission Program**
Sunday, March 27
at 6:00 p.m.

What: The March Mission Fellowship Meal
When: Sunday, March 27 at 6 PM.
Where: Wilbanks Hall
Why: We will have an opportunity for a meal & learn more about missions
Who: The First Presbyterian Church Family
How: Please RSVP your attendance and the food item you will bring.

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!*

Join us on Sunday, March 20, at 12 p.m. as we eat pizza and plant God's Garden of Blessings

Calling all 1st through 5th graders

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.

Please sign up in the Welcome Center.

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 April 3. Orders will be back before Easter.

- Order from a Youth or
- Order online <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/6926763b-997f-4cb6-adc9-c06c5f2fe9a8>

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

March 20, 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 helpful information. Let us worship God!*

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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

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.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* arr. Gregg Sewell

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.

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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 409 *God Is Here!*

*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 Your 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) *I Am He!* Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir Rose Aspinall

Who calms the sea? Who forms the land?
The First and Last, the great I AM! I am come to set you free.
I am He, I am He!

I turn the water into wine; I heal the sick and lead the blind.
I am grace and truth defined.
I am He, I am He!

Immanuel! God with us! Holy One and Living Stone!
The Son of God, the Mighty One! The Way, the Truth, the Life!
The Cornerstone!

I preach good news, I feed the poor; I'm Living Bread, the Open Door.
I am the Lamb who will restore; I am He, I am He!

He will break every chain that binds you; He will set every captive free!
The glorious One who comes from heaven,
He will win the victory, victory!

I am He, who cancels sin; the Word of Life, the Great I AM!
The Beginning and the End, I am He, I am He!

I Immanuel! God with us! Holy One and Living Stone!
The Son of God, the Mighty One! The Way, the Truth, the Life!
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The Way, the Truth, the Life! The Cornerstone! Cornerstone!

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 # *Matthew 13:16-17*

But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 13:34-35*

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable He told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open My mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Doughton
The children and youth are invited to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

SERMON *Parables* 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 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

*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 *Burlesca in D Major* arr. J.L. Krebs

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Charles Hammer (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers **

David Stormer, Nick Scholl, & Renee Stormer (8:45)
David Stormer, Nick Scholl, Renee Stormer & Paul Luce (11:00)