ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Renee Stormer (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers **

Madison Villafana, Taylor Hammer, and Sheila Hammer

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, April 3 - Communion at both services w/ Lent Cantata

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

7:00 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

Monday, April 11

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, April 12

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

Wednesday, April 13

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Maundy Thursday, April 14

6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service with Communion in Wilbanks Hall

Good Friday, April 15

6:30 p.m. - Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 16

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 17 - Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Day

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Monday, April 18

Church Offices will be closed

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19 & 20

Rev. Doughton will be in Austin with Leadership Mesquite

Sunday, April 24 - Youth Sunday

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

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



L.I.F.E. Youth will conclude their Butter Braide frozen pastries fund raiser today, Sunday April 3. All Orders will be back before Easter.

1. Order from a Youth or

2. Order online https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/6926763b-997f-4cb6-adc9-c06c5f2fe9a8

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.

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!





GUIDE TO WORSHIP

April 3, 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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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above arr. Lani Smith

INTROIT You Are Holy Marc Imboden
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 *Philippians1:2; (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 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*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

Love's Great Price Chancel Choir Mary McDonald

On the night He was betrayed, as darkness lingered, the cost was weighed. He took the bread, He took the wine, He sang a hymn that lonely night.

Love's great price has been paid; every sin upon Him laid.

When the Savior of the world was abandoned to the grave,

He paid the price, love's great price.

Night gives way into the dawn; the Savior of the world is gone.

He came to pay love's great price; Love will make the sacrifice!

Love's great price has been paid; every sin upon Him laid.

When the Savior of the world was abandoned to the grave,

He paid the price, love's great price.

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 23:37-39

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 24:3-8

When He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?" Jesus answered them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Am He! Chancel Choir Mary McDonald 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!

The Cornerstone!

The Way, the Truth, the Life! The Cornerstone! Cornerstone!

CHILDREN'S SERMON Ruling Elder, Charles Hammer The children and youth are invited to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 65 Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah

SERMON Lament Rev. Doughton

ANTHEM For Love Alone Mary McDonald Chancel Choir Rose Aspinall

Holy prayers, eternal dreams, His voice now silenced by evil's schemes; and lifted up upn 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 me, for me. For love alone.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The 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.

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

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 Chancel Choir James E. Clemens

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, amen.

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