

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Monday, April 25 - Saturday, May 7

Rev. Doughton will be in the Holy Land for Continuing Education

Monday, April 25

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Friday, April - Sunday, May 1

Some of the Men are at Mo-Ranch for Men's Retreat

Sunday, May 1 - Guest Preacher, Jim Witherow

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

Wednesday, May 4

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 8

8:45 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Mother's Day Pancake Brunch
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service Confirmation Graduation

Wednesday, May 13

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons meeting

Saturday, May 14

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Spring Garage Sale

Sunday, May 15 - Senior Sunday

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

Tuesday, May 17

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

Wednesday, May 18

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Sunday, May 22 - Patriotic Theme

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

Bounce House for Faith Builders & Games for the Youth

Wednesday, May 25

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26 - Saturday, June 4

Rev. Doughton will be on an Alaskan Cruise with his family

Sunday, May 29 - Guest Preacher, Craig Krueger

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

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Mother's Day - Pancake Brunch

The Men's Council will be hosting a pancake breakfast for our Family's in honor of our Mothers, Sunday May 8, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

We need to decide if this event will take place or not. **Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you and your family will be joining us for brunch.** Also, if you are willing to help cook or clean up afterwards, please sign up for that as well.

Nick Scholl,
Men's Council President



Spring Garage Sale



On Saturday, May 14, we will have our **spring garage sale** in the south parking lot. We could use your help. There is a **sign-up sheet** awaiting your name in the Welcome Center. Please sign-up.

Now accepting donations!
All Proceeds benefiting benevolence!

Coming Soon . . .

Youth Fundraiser for Summer Mission Trip T-Shirt Advertisements & Flamingo Flocking

Youth attending the trip: MacKenzie Aynes, Mackenzie Davila, Bennett & Mary Claire Doughton, Campbell & Zoe Futrell, Julia Mauldin, Isaac & Kade Williams

THE CHALLENGE



The 100 Can Challenge continues. . .

Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our total for April is currently **113** items.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

April 24, 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 *Hallelujah, Christ Arose!* arr. Hugh S Livingston, Jr.

FIRST REFLECTION *Isaiah 6:1-3* Rev. Doughton

INTROIT *O God, You Are My God* David Strasser
Youth

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2* Mary Claire Doughton

You, O Lord, are our strength and our shield, our rock and our salvation. You, O Lord, are Holy, You alone are Perfect Love, You alone are perfect Truth; and You, O Lord, are alone worthy of praise. Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 627 *I Love You, Lord*

SECOND REFLECTION *Isaiah 6:4-7* Rev. Doughton

*CALL TO CONFESSION Zoe Futrell

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, this morning we bring You our confession. We confess we have gone astray. Shepherd us, Lord. We confess we often love You half-heartedly. Make us whole, Lord. We confess we trivialize Your sacrifice. Give us perspective, Lord. We confess we find most of our strength in ourselves. Be our strength, Lord. We confess little zeal for Your glory. Give us passion, Lord. We confess we've done so many things wrong. Forgive us, Lord. We confess we often don't love You well. Love us, Lord. Hear our prayers, O Lord. We ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ, who exchanges our confession for abundant life in Him. 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 #

THIRD REFLECTION *Isaiah 6:4-7* Rev. Doughton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION # Parker Villafana

O Lord, as Your word says, You are our light and our salvation, Whom shall we fear. As we hear Your Word read and proclaimed may we see Your light, may our souls delight in Your saving ways, and may we act without fear but with full confidence in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Bennett Doughton

Psalm 8:1, 3-4

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 9:3-5

Then I turned to the Lord God, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, "Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, keeping covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments, we have sinned and done wrong, acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 3:9

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON Julia Mauldin

II Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

FIFTH SCRIPTURE LESSON

Esther 4:13-16

Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Diana Clifton & MacKenzie Aynes

The children and youth are invited to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 701 *Lord, Prepare Me*

SERMON *Ruth 1:16* Michael Villafana

But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

FOURTH REFLECTION Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Alberto Villafana

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 Mackenzie Davila

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
Campbell Futrell

*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 519 *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

*FIFTH REFLECTION Rev. Doughton

*CHARGE AND BLESSING Luke Boling

*RESPONSE *Lift High the Cross (v.2)*
Youth

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. *Refrain*

*VOLUNTARY *You Are My All in All* arr. Mark Hayes

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Joshua Edling (8:45); Charles Hammer (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers **

Eric Schwartz, Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey,

Kirk Dixon, and Susan Farmer (8:45);

Eric Schwartz, Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey, and Nick Scholl (11:00)

Youth

Senior, Michael Villafana; Junior, Luke Boling and

Alberto Villafana; Freshman, Bennett Doughton, Zoe Futrell, and

Julia Mauldin; 8th grade, Campbell Futrell, Mackenzie Davila, and

Parker Villafana; 7th grade, Mary Claire Doughton;

6th grade, MacKenzie Aynes and Diana Clifton