

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, August 7 - Blessings of the Backpacks

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. - Faith Builders Pool Party, hosted by the Doughton family

### Wednesday, August 10

- 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

### Sunday, August 14 - Rally Day

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Meet in Wilbanks Hall to rededicate the classrooms
- 10:00 a.m. - Meet and Greet in Sunday School Classes
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch - Hot Dogs and picnic style sides and Desserts
- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Pool Party

### Tuesday, August 16

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

### Wednesday, August 17

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

### Sunday, August 21

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

### Tuesday, August 23

- 6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Kick-off Mtg & Potluck Dinner

### Wednesday, August 24

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

### Sunday, August 28

- 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

### Wednesday, August 31

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

Please find an insert in your bulletin "**Suggestions for New Church Officers.**" Yes, it's that time of year again, to suggest who you think would serve our church well, as officers for the next three years. The deadline to nominate is Sunday, August 21, 2022. Please make sure the nominee knows of your suggestion and they are willing to serve.

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

##### THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2022	CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
Kay Alvarez	Amanda Aynes	Susan K Farmer
John Futrell	James Calhoun	Sheila J Hammer
Suzanne Ivy	Brandon Hall	Stephen A Leake
Paula Kusewitt	Robbie Robinson	Michael H Lee
Sheryl Miller	Gracy Thomas	D Renee Stormer
Brian Neece		

##### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2022	CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
Brittany Hammer	Taylor Hammer	Debra L Ford
Richard Mauldin	Michael Johnson	Nicolas A Scholl
Bryan Sanders	Eric Schwartz	David C Stormer
Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey	Madison Villafana	
Gina Villafana		
Bennett Doughton (Youth)		

##### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2022	CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
Don Neece	George Venner	Phil L Johnson, Jr.

#### Attn: Presbyterian Women

Our annual kickoff meeting for PW will take place Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in Wilbanks Hall. We will have a potluck dinner, followed by a short business meeting and a Bible Study overview, "Celebrating Sabbath - Accepting God's Gifts of Rest and Delight" by Carol M. Bechtel. Our presenter will be Dr. Carol Stephenson.

We hope to see everyone there.

Susan Farmer, PW Moderator

#### Mission Opportunity for All!

Yes, we just collected school supplies for 2 underprivileged schools in partnership with 2 other churches. But now we are honoring our local commitment to Florence Black Elementary School. Please drop off school supplies in the container in the welcome center during August and September.



#### Join us for Rally Day!

Sunday, August 14, 2022. We will gather in Wilbanks Hall at 9:45 a.m. to rededicate the classrooms as we reopen the Fellowship Building. We will then go to our Sunday School classes.

In Sunday School, the children and youth will move up to the next grade level. The Adult classes will resume in the original classrooms. There will be treats as you meet and greet with the teachers.

During the 11:00 Worship Service the Christian Education Committee will present Bibles to the children who are beginning 3rd grade.

Then stay for a meal after the 11:00 Worship Service. The Men's Council will grill Hot Dogs. The church will furnish picnic style sides and desserts.

The L.I.F.E. Youth will then leave for a pool party hosted by the Doughton family.

Please make your reservation today!

Call 972-285-5602 or email [rstormer.fpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rstormer.fpc@sbcglobal.net)



#### 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 July was **236** items.

Thank you for your generosity.

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 7, 2022



## BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

*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 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr Hugh Livingston Jr

INTROIT (v.1) *Will You Come and Follow Me* arr. John L. Bell

“Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let My love be shown; will you let My name be known;

will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?”

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### And also to you.

The Lord has done great things for us already, therefore we rejoice. The merciful and gracious Lord has done His marvelous works that they ought to be remembered.

\*HYMN 612 *We Praise You, O God*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Might, Mercy, and Compassion; in Jesus Christ we behold Your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Focused on ourselves, we fail to see Your work in the world. We speak when we should listen, we act when we should reflect. Give us strength to live in Your light and to walk in Your ways, for the sake of Him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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) *Lord, Here Am I* John Ness Beck  
Chancel Choir

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me,  
And I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission Appointed for me,  
What is my labor And where it shall be.

Master, Thou callest, And this I reply, “Ready and willing,  
Lord, here am I.” Willing, my Savior, To take up the cross;

Willing to suffer Reproaches and loss;

Willing to follow If Thou wilt but lead;

Only support me With grace in my need.

Master, Thou callest, And this I reply, “Ready and willing,  
Lord, here am I.” Living or dying, I still would be Thine.

Yet I am mortal While Thou art divine.

Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;

Pitty, and bring me Again to the light.

Master, Thou callest, And this I reply, “Ready and willing,  
Lord, here am I.”

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. As Your Word is read and preached may it guide us in the right path, may it direct our steps, and may it lead us to our hearts true desire in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 57:1*

Be merciful to me, O God; be merciful to me, for in You my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 5:7*

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Rev. Doughton

All young disciples are asked to come forward at this time. Please bring your backpack, bookbag, or lunch box if you brought them.

\*HYMN 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SERMON *The Merciful* 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.**

### 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.**

### 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

\*HYMN 838

*Standing on the Promises*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE (v.5) *Will You Come and Follow Me* arr. John L. Bell

“Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.

Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and foot-steps show,

Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

\*VOLUNTARY *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Robert Lowry

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elder #** - Paula Kusewitt (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)

**Deacon/Ushers** - Madison Villafana, Taylor Hammer,  
and Sheila Hammer

### FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Duane and Joanne Moon in loving memory of Wanda Moon and in honor of what would have been her 107th birthday on August 13.

### THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor

Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries

Ryoji Shimpō, Organist

Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus