

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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	Eric Schwartz	Nicolas A Scholl
Bryan Sanders	Madison Villafana	David C Stormer
Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey		
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 23rd 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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.



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 August is currently **38** items.

Thank you for your generosity.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 14, 2022



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 *Improvisation on 'Llanfair'* Steven Scott

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 is the giver of all good things. The Lord has given hope to the world. The Lord gives us faith so we may stand. The Lord guides us and works to conform us to the image of Jesus Christ. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and Merciful God, by Your power Christ is raised from death to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not believed in Him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread and our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, Who was dead but now lives, and Who will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when Your promised kingdom comes. 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

Teach Me, O Lord

J. Paul Williams

Chancel Choir

Douglas Nolan

Teach me, O Lord, the way I should go.

Let me walk the path that You prepared for me.

O come take my hand, I'm at Your command.

Lord, teach me today. Teach me, O Lord, I pray.

Show me, O Lord, the way I should go.

I will follow in Your footsteps as You lead.

Though the road may be long, I'm never along.

Lord, teach me today, teach me, O Lord, I pray.

Your ways are sure and Your word is true.

Your law is my delight. You are my guide and my friend.

Your love will never end.

You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. You are Life!

Lead me, O Lord; I give you my life.

I will serve You, Lord, with gladness all my days. Lord, use me, I pray.

O lead me, Lord. Show me, O Lord. Teach me, O Lord, I pray.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, Your Word makes wise the simple-open us to Your message today as we hear Your Word read and preached in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦

Psalm 24:3-6

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATIONS OF BIBLES

Rev. Doughton

The children who are entering 3rd & 4th grade will receive Bibles today from the church

*HYMN 62

(sung twice) Love the Lord Your God

SERMON

The Pure In Heart

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 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

*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

Lord, Speak to Me

arr. Lani Smith

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Brian Neece (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - Bryan Sanders, Bennett Doughton,

Michael Lee and Robbie Lee (8:45);

Bryan Sanders, Bennett Doughton, and Mary Claire Doughton (11:00)

Youth Readers ♦ - Campbell Futrell (8:45); Kade Williams (11:00)

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor

Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries

Ryoji Shimo, Organist

Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus