

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Saturday, September 3

8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth & Faith Builders
Tango Tab at Grace Church Plano

Sunday, September 4 - Communion

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

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day

Church Office will be closed

Tuesday, September 6

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle

Wednesday, September 7

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

Sunday, September 11

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

Budget and Stewardship

Our 2022 budget is \$360,155

Your contributions to the church are so important. Please don't forget your pledge.

JULY 2022

	BUDGET Y-T-D	ACTUAL Y-T-D
Income	210,090.39	182,548.20
Expenses	210,090.39	202,060.29

As of July 31, 2022, our expenses exceed our income by \$19,512.09
Also remember that your pledge to the church includes your time and talents, as well as, your treasures.

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

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.

Order your FPC Mesquite T-Shirt or Polo Shirt today

The Women's Retreat Committee has arranged for the church to have T-Shirts and Polos made and available for purchase to the congregation. The Committee is also paying for a portion of the order to make the shirts more affordable for everyone.

There is a poster displaying the shirts in the hallway near the Welcome Center. There will be a list in the Welcome Center, please place your name on the list with your size to show your interest in this purchase.

18th Annual Addressing Mesquite Day

Addressing Mesquite Day is held in partnership with the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite. This annual one-day event focuses on home repairs needed by senior citizens, single parents, military veterans, the disabled, and other homeowners in Mesquite.

This year's AMD will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022. We have already been assigned a home and family to assist. Each year we volunteer our time as an All-Church Mission Outreach. Please sign up to help at the Welcome Center. There is a form to be completed and submitted to Eric Schwartz, who is our representative this year.

Trash Bash

Faith Builders and L.I.F.E. Youth will join together with others in the community Saturday, September 24 at 8:00 a.m. to participate in a community litter cleanup event! Forms will be in the Sunday School Classes and in the Welcome Center. Please sign up today.

Contact Amanda Aynes or Sheila Hammer to participate in this event.

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 **141** items.
Thank you for your generosity.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 21, 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 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Cindy Berry

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; Psalm 118:24; Psalm 103:1*

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

And also to you.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Bless the Lord O, my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name.

*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from Your truth and from Your holy will. We have failed in love, we have forgotten to be just, and we have turned away from Your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to Your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. 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) *Holy Water* arr. Dennis Allen
Chancel Choir

God, I'm on my knees again. God, I'm beggin', "please," again.

I need You, oh I need You.

Walkin' down these desert roads, water for my thirsty soul,

I need You, oh I need You.

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,

like the sound of a symphony to my ears. It's like holy water on my skin.

Dead man walkin', slave to sin, I wanna know about bein' born again.

I need You, O God, I need You.

So take me to the riverside; take me under, baptize.

I need You, O God, I need You.

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,

like the sound of a symphony to my ears. It's like holy water on my skin.

I don't wanna abuse Your grace. God, I need it every day.

(Continued)

It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change.
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, Your grace is sufficient-and we pray for Your grace to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds as Your Word is read and preached today. 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 5:10*

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Doughton

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

*HYMN 66 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

SERMON *The Persecuted* 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 737 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

*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 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Charity Book Putnam

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - ?? (8:45); Paul Luce (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - Nick Scholl, Richard Mauldin

and John Futrell (8:45);

Nick Scholl and Richard Mauldin (11:00)

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 today, 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

Kay Alvarez
John Futrell
Suzanne Ivy
Paula Kusewitt
Sheryl Miller
Brian Neece

CLASS OF 2023

Amanda Aynes
James Calhoun
Brandon Hall
Robbie Robinson
Gracy Thomas

CLASS OF 2024

Susan K Farmer
Sheila J Hammer
Stephen A Leake
Michael H Lee
D Renee Stormer

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2022

Brittany Hammer
Richard Mauldin
Bryan Sanders
Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey
Gina Villafana
Bennett Doughton (Youth)

CLASS OF 2023

Taylor Hammer
Eric Schwartz
Madison Villafana

CLASS OF 2024

Debra L Ford
Nicolas A Scholl
David C Stormer

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2022

Don Neece

CLASS OF 2023

George Venner

CLASS OF 2024

Phil L Johnson, Jr.