

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Wednesday, September 14

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Thursday, September 15

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 18

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
12:00 p.m. - Lemonade on the Lawn

Tuesday, September 20

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

Wednesday, September 21

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 22 through Sunday, September 25

Rev. Doughton will be away for his High School Reunion & family visit

Thursday, September 22

The Church Office will be closed - Renee is attending Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, September 24

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Faith Builders and L.I.F.E. Youth *Trash Bash*

Sunday, September 25 - Guest Preacher, Rev. Krueger

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, September 28

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner
6:30 p.m. - Art Anywhere by Pete Allen
6:30 p.m. - Adult Class led by Rev. Doughton
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Mission Opportunity for All!

The Presbyterian Women are collecting school supplies for Florence Black Elementary School. Please drop off school supplies in the container near the Welcome Center through September.



Wednesday Night Live will return for an eight-week run starting Wednesday, September 28 through November 16.

Chef Rod Graham will prepare a light meal. The price is \$5 each. **Please sign up to attend, there is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.**

Pete Allen will offer a different type class, "Art Anywhere." Pete will cover drawing, sketching, and using colored pencils.

Rev. Doughton will begin a short series on his trip to the Holy Land.

We offer for children and youth "First Wednesdays" on October 5 and November 2. There will be a special program for them on those nights.

Childcare will be provided upon request. Please call ahead and let us know you would like to utilize childcare, we want to have someone scheduled on staff.

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 **185** items.

Thank you for your generosity.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 4, 2022

Rev. Doughton supplied our cover picture for today. This is a view of the Church of the Beatitudes and the Hill seen from the Sea of Galilee. We have concluded our series on The Beatitudes. For September 4, 11, and 18 we will look at the words that follow the Sermon. We will look at three spiritual disciplines addressed by Jesus: Fasting, Prayer, and Alms Giving.



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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. C.E. Walz

INTROIT *Be Not Afraid* arr. John L. Bell
Be not afraid; sing out for Joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 147:1,5*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Praise the Lord! How good it is sing praises to our God; for He is gracious and a song of praise is fitting. Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure-Praise the Lord.

*HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have ignored Your commandments and we have strayed from Your ways. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We fail to reach out to those in need. We confess that we are slow to follow Your leading. We prefer to do things our own way, and ignore Your presence in our lives. Have mercy on us, forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve You and honor Your holy name. 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 *This is My Body, This is My Blood* by Ben Clifton
Ben Clifton, soloist

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said,
Take, eat, this is My Body.

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,
Drink from it, all of you.

For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious, Loving and All-knowing God, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Ester 4:15-17*

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." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Ezra 8:21*

Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the River Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from Him a safe journey for ourselves, our children, and all our possessions.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 6:16-18*

"And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

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 847 *Our Hope, Our Life*

SERMON *Do Not Put on a Long Face* *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 800 *Sometimes a Light Surprises*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *O God, You Are My God* *David Strasser*

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 led me,

and I will follow You all of my days.

*VOLUNTARY *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Lani Smith

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - John Futrell (*8:45*); Roger Foltz (*11:00*)

Deacon/Ushers - David Stormer, Nick Scholl, Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer (*8:45*);

David Stormer, Nick Scholl, Renee Stormer, and Larry Thomas (*11:00*)

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