

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, November 20 - Thanksgiving Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
 9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
 6:00 p.m. - Men's Council Thanksgiving Dinner

### Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25

Church office is closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

### Sunday, November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent - Hope

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
 9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
 4:00 p.m. - Decorate the Church for Christmas

### Monday, November 28

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Wednesday, November 30

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, December 3

Time TBD - Faith Builders go to Bethlehem Revisited in Waxahachie

### Sunday, December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both services

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
 9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
 5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth meets with Eastminster Youth group

### Monday, December 5

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, December 6

10:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle - Bible Study and Christmas Celebration (bring covered dish and gift to exchange under \$10)  
 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle will gather at the home of Meg GarverHamilton (bring covered dish & Walmart Gift Card to donate)

### Wednesday, December 7

7:00 p.m. - Joint Officers meeting (Deacons and Session)

### Thursday, December 8

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Love

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
 9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
 5:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Pageant  
 6:00 p.m. - Refreshments and a visit from Santa

### Wednesday, December 14

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, December 17

Time TBD - L.I.F.E. Youth and Faith Builders will lay wreaths with Wreaths Across America at DFW National Cemetery.

### Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent - Joy

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Cantata by Chancel Choir  
 No Youth Bells Rehearsal  
 No Sunday School

### DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA(S)

(Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 4)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MESQUITE  
 MEN'S COUNCIL PRESENTS OUR

# 97<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM

Purchase your ticket today! Sold in the Welcome Center.  
 \$6. each, no family paying more than \$20.

Join Us in Our Mission  
 Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

November 28th is the Last Day  
 to sponsor a wreath.

★ **DECEMBER 17, 2022** ★

## National Wreaths Across America Day

Help the FPC Mesquite L.I.F.E. Youth Group honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

WREATHS  
 across  
 AMERICA  
 www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org

Just scan the QR code to your right with your smart phone camera to make a donation online.

### 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 November is currently **74 items**.

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

November 20, 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!*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### 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

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

INTROIT 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* Joachim Neander

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God Who answers prayer;  
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 9:1-2*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### And also to you.

We will give thanks to You, O Lord, with all of our hearts. We will tell of You and all Your wonderful deeds. We will be glad and rejoice in You. We will sing the praises of Your Name, O Most High.

\*HYMN 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess to You, our King of Majesty, Justice, and Righteousness, that we have failed to live up to Your Glory. We have failed to live by Your standard of perfection. We have sought our own way even when it has hurt others. We have made idols in our own hearts. Reshape our hearts and lives for Your Kingdom, that we can live, and move, and dream according to that hope to which You have called us. Forgive us, revive us, and mold us in Your image. 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)* *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth  
Chancel Choir

In the bulb there is a flower; In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter, There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.  
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.  
In our end is our beginning; In our time, infinity.  
In our doubt, There is believing; In our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see;  
Unrevealed until its season, Something yet unknown,  
which God alone can see.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty and Everlasting God, You are the giver of the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. It is Your will to restore all things to Christ, whom You have anointed priest forever and ruler of creation. Open the eyes of our hearts this morning, and teach us to know the hope to which You have called us, so that we might learn to see You in the face of those in need around us. Amen.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd My people: It is you who have scattered My flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Colossians 1:11-20*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from His glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He Himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.

### THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 1:68-79*

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has looked favorably on His people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of His child David, as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered His holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in His presence all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give His people

knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Ruling Elder, Charles Hammer  
The children and youth are asked to come forward at this time.

\*HYMN 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

SERMON *Jerusalem Needs a Perfect Knight* 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

### 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.**

### 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 336 *We Gather Together*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 709 *God, We Honor You* C. Hubert H. Parry  
God, we honor You. God, we trust in You.  
God, we worship and adore You.  
Take what we bring, offered to You.  
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

### \*POSTLUDE

#### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elder #** - George Venner *(8:45)*; Gracy Thomas *(11:00)*  
**Deacon/Ushers** - Eric Schwartz, Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey,  
Kirk Dixon, and Susan Farmer *(8:45)*;  
Eric Schwartz, Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey,  
MacKenzie Aynes, and Mary Lee Doughton *(11:00)*