

Moderator: *(to Elders)* Will you be a faithful **Elder**, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(to Deacons) Will you be a faithful **Deacon**, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ.

Candidate: I will.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE PEOPLE

Elder: Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: **We do.**

Elder: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church?

People: **We do.**

RECOGNITION OF NEW TRUSTEE

We will install Herbert C. Allen, Jr. as Trustee at a later date.

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 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain arr. John W. Work, II

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

*VOLUNTARY *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. Ed Joleski

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Kay Alvarez *(8:45)*; Meg GarverHamilton *(11:00)*

Deacon/Ushers - Eric Schwartz, and Debra Ford *(8:45)*;

Eric Schwartz, Debra Ford, Paul Luce,
and Mary Lee Doughton *(11:00)*

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, January 8 - Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
4:00 p.m. - Take down the Christmas Decorations

Wednesday, January 11

6:00 p.m. - WNL Meal
7:00 p.m. - Service of Healing and Wholeness in the sanctuary
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 15

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, January 16

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 17

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee will meet at the church

Wednesday, January 18

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal
6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study led by Dr. Carol Stephenson
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Watercolor painting)
7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Thursday, January 19

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 22

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, January 23

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 25

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal
6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study
6:30 p.m. - Pete Allen will lead a class on Watercolor

Sunday, January 29

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
6:00 p.m. - Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

JANUARY 2, 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!*

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THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we go forward in 2023.



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 January thus far is **25 cans**.

Thank you to all who continue to bless this mission work.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries
Ryoji Shimpo, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

INTROIT (368) *We Fall Down* Chris Tomlin

We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus;
the greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy.

And we cry holy, holy, holy.

And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 149:1-4*

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

And also to you.

Praise the Lord, Sing to the Lord a new song, Let the children rejoice in their King, Let them praise Him by making melody, For the Lord takes pleasure in His people.

*HYMN 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You loved us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of Grace, help us to recognize and admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent turn to You, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

(11:00) Chancel Choir

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
over and around us lies: Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brothers, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing, Faithful, God who directs the steps of those who listen, may Your Word today inspire us with purpose, may it challenge us to live with integrity, and may we discern Your leadership for our lives and this church in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Isaiah 40:3-5*

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 3:13-17*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as He came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to Him and He saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is My Son, the Beloved, with Whom I am well pleased."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 330 *Our Help Is in the Name of God*

SERMON *Jesus' World: The Call* Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

*ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

THE SENTENCES

There are different gifts,

But it is the same spirit Who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord Who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

But it is the same God Who achieves His purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

Individually we are members of Him.

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make the church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, in the glory of God the Father. Within our

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common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, Ruling Elders or Deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if he wants to be first among you, he must be the slave of all!"

Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and give His life to set others free.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Elder: Mr. Moderator, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Gina Villafana, and Bennett J. Doughton to be ordained and installed as Elders, and Roger Foltz, Linda Fricke, John Kusewitt, and Paul Luce to be installed to duty on the Session. And, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Alberto Villafana to be ordained and installed as Deacons and John Futrell, and Rodney Graham to be installed to duty on the Board of Deacons. We will ordain and install Patricia Kim as a Deacon at a later date.

(Officers-elect will present themselves - please come forward.)

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

Moderator: Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Candidate: I do and I will.

Moderator: Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

Candidate: I will.

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