

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Watercolor painting)

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

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 collected for January thus far is **73 items.**



We will offer a light meal and classes for Adults. Beginning on Wednesday, January 18. This will continue through Wednesday, February 15. The price is still \$5.00 per person. Please sign-up to attend.

Pete Allen will offer a watercolor class. There will be a sign-up sheet in the welcome center. **We need to know how many will attend in order to have enough supplies.** Please sign-up!

Dr. Carol Stephenson will lead an Adult Bible Study about two of the most important men in the Old Testament, Abraham and Moses.

Childcare will be provided upon request. Please call ahead and let us know if you would like to utilize childcare; we will schedule staff.

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, we will offer a meal along with our Ash Wednesday worship service.

Annual Congregational Dinner & Meeting (Head Count)

Please email Renee Stormer to reserve your seat at the Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting.
rstormer.fpc@sbcglobal.net

If you are planning to attend the Dinner, please email Sheryl Miller to let her know what you will bring.
sheryl.miller@landesgroup.com

Budget and Stewardship

Our 2022 budget was \$360,155

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

DECEMBER 2022

	BUDGET Y-T-D	ACTUAL Y-T-D
Income	360,155.00	349,405.65
Expenses	360,155.00	361,475.46

As of December 31, 2022, our expenses exceed our income by \$12,070.11 Also remember that your pledge to the church includes your time and talents, as well as, your treasures.

2022 Contribution Reports

The end of the year contribution reports for 2022 are in the welcome center and ready to be picked up.

We are so grateful for your generosity! May all your gifts give to the church in the name of Jesus, be multiplied to further God's Kingdom.

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?



- 1/18 Spaghetti, bread, salad, and brownies
- 1/25 Cici's Pizza, pasta and sauce, salad, and cookies & ice cream
- 2/1 Taco Bar/Tamales, rice, beans, salad, and tres leches bread pudding (Rod will cook)

For the next two Wednesdays we need people to prepare the simple dinner. Chef Rod will buy all the food and leave instructions.

Please sign-up in the welcome center if you are willing to help.

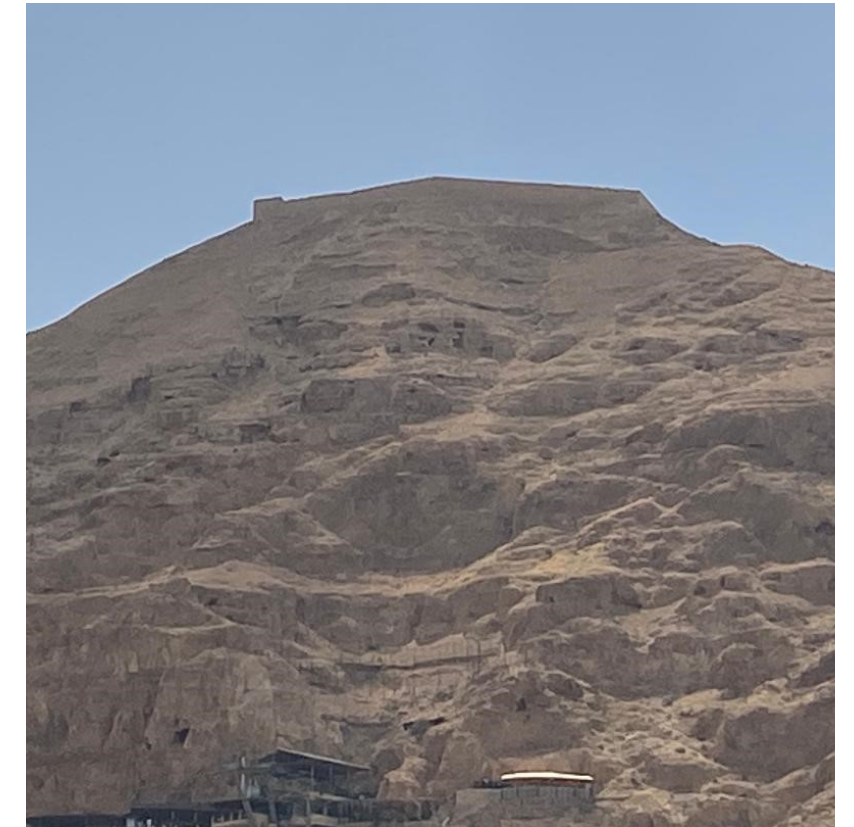
THOSE WHO SERVE

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

January 15, 2023

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Our cover is a view of the traditional "Mount of Temptation" near Jericho on the West Bank. Christians have honored it as the sight where Jesus faced His temptations as recorded in scripture.

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

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. John Purifoy

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 136*

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

And also to you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; in Jesus Christ You called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what You command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our 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 *Wade in the Water* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Chancel Choir

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children.

Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water, wade in the water children.

Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in white? God's gonna trouble the water.

The leader looks like the Isrealite. God's gonna trouble.

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children.

Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

Ya see that band all dressed in red? God's gonna trouble the water.

It looks like the band that Moses led. God's gonna trouble.

Wade in the water, wade on into the water, now.

Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble.

Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble.

God's gonna trouble the water.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious and Loving God, as we once again hear Your Word may it convict us of where we fall short, may it show us a better way to live, and may we have a vision of Your holiness in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Matthew 4:1-11*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward He was famished. The tempter came and said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But He answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ” Then the devil took Him to the holy city and placed Him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to Him, “If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command His angels concerning You,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not dash Your foot against a stone.’ ” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.’ ” Then the devil left Him, and suddenly angels came and waited on Him.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Mark 1:12-13*

And the Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

*HYMN 329 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

SERMON *Life Lessons: Testing* 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 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 227 *Jesus, Remember Me* Jacques Berthier
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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*POSTLUDE *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* arr. Michael Cox

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - Gina Villafana, Brittany Hammer,
and David Howard (8:45);

Gina Villafana, Brittany Hammer, David Howard,
and Larry Thomas (11:00)

Youth Reader ♦ - Campbell Futrell (8:45); Mackenzie Davila (11:00)