

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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

### 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

### Monday, January 30

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Wednesday, February 1

- 5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal
- 6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Watercolor Painting)
- 7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons will meet in Crossroads classroom
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 5

#### Lord's Supper will be observed at both Worship 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 for all ages

### Tuesday, February 7

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

### Wednesday, February 8

- 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, February 9

- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:sheryl.miller@landesgroup.com)

## SIGN UP

If you are an Elder, whether sitting on the Session currently or not, please sign-up to be the Elder of the Day.

The sign-up sheet is just outside Rev. Doughton's office.



### 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 **95 items.**

## 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 given to the church in the name of Jesus, be multiplied to further God's Kingdom.

## What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?



- 1/25 Rotisserie Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Pie & Ice Cream
- 2/1 Taco Bar/Tamales, Rice, Beans, Salad, and Tres Leches Bread Pudding
- 2/8 Pizza, Pasta & Sauce, Salad, Bread, Cookies & Ice Cream

**Chef Rod has rearranged his schedule and he will be cooking for us on Wednesday nights. We are grateful for all who volunteered to help.**

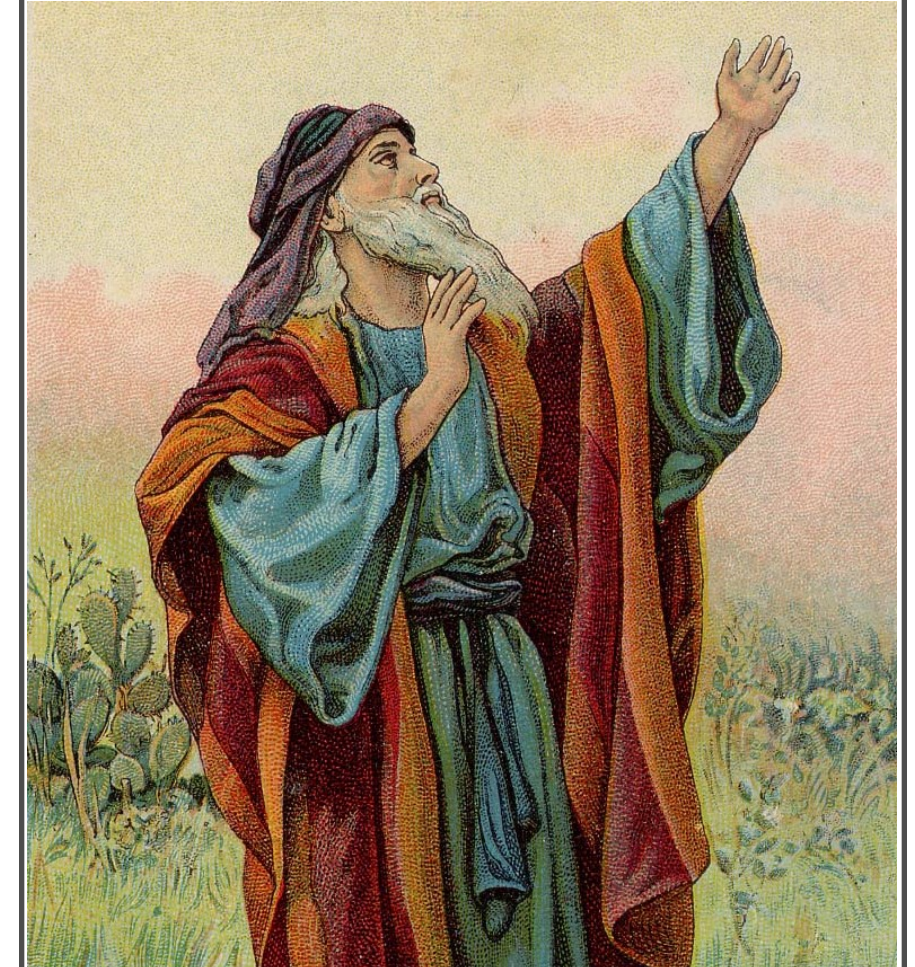
### THOSE WHO SERVE

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 22, 2023

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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We will offer a light meal and classes for Adults on Wednesdays through 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.

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Nancy Lyons Smith

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; 1 Peter 1:3*

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

**And also to you.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By the great mercy of God we have been born anew to a living hope. Let us worship God!

\*HYMN 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of 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 (8:45) *Amazing Grace* arr. David McKeown  
Samuel Clifton, saxophonist & Diana Clifton, Clarinetist

ANTHEM (11:00) *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* arr. Ed Lojeski  
Chancel Choir

I am weak Thou art strong. Jesus keep me from all wrong.

I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk, close to Thee.

Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee, Jesus, grant my humble plea!

Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, Dear Lord, let it be.

When the journey here is o'er, Time for me will be no more.

Guide me to Thy distant shore.

To Thy shore, oh Dear Lord, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee, Jesus, grant my humble plea!

Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, Dear Lord, let it be.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty and All-Knowing God, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as Your Word is read and proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*Mark 9:33-37*

Then they came to Capernaum, and when He was in the house He asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then He took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in My name welcomes Me, and whoever welcomes Me welcomes not Me but the One Who sent me."

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*Ecclesiastes 1:1-11*

The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Enigma of Enigmas, says the Teacher, Enigma of Enigmas! All is Enigma. What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises. The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow. All things are wearisome, more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing or the ear filled with hearing. What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in the ages before us. The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (11:00) *Amazing Grace* arr. David McKeown  
Samuel Clifton, saxophonist & Diana Clifton, Clarinetist

### MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

\*HYMN 792

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

SERMON

*Life Lessons: Meaning*

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 625

*O Lord My God*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE 227

*Jesus, Remember Me*

Jacques Berthier

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

\*POSTLUDE

*Balm in Gilead*

arr. David Paxton

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Ron Smith (8:45); Phil Johnson (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - Taylor Hammer, Madison Villafana,  
Schylar Marin, and Sheila Hammer

### PW - VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS

Last year the Presbyterian Women sponsored a congregational Valentine Mission and delivered Valentine's and Goodie Bags to the residents and staff of Mesquite Village Centre. They were so pleased to receive them, we have decided to repeat that mission this year. Your help is needed to make this mission successful. One card would be great, but more would be amazing. On your cards, include an encouraging thought or Bible Verse, and place them in the basket in the Visitor's Center. We will deliver them to Mesquite Village Centre on February 14th and will have a party for the residents and staff with cookies and refreshments. Please have the cards turned into the basket by February 12th. We had 400 cards last year. Let's see if we can top that this year.

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone.

Susan Farmer - Moderator

