

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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 led by Dr. Carol Stephenson
 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

Monday, February 6

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

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

Sunday, February 12 - Souper Bowl of Caring

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
 5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth and Parents Super Bowl Party at the Doughtons

Monday, February 13

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

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.



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.



On Sunday, February 12 the L.I.F.E. Youth will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations. All Contributions will be given to Sharing Life.

Won't you, help us Tackle Hunger and score a goal in our area for those in need in 2023.



Annual Congregational Dinner/Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting is this evening, Sunday, January 29.

We ask that you join us to hear reports from each committee as a review of 2022.

Please bring your favorite covered dish to share with others.



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 **120 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?



2/1	Taco Bar/Tamales, Rice, Beans, Salad, and Tres Leches Bread Pudding
2/8	Pizza, Pasta & Sauce, Salad, Bread, Cookies & Ice Cream
2/15	Baked Potatoes with Shredded Chicken or Pork, Salad, and Peach Cobbler

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

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

January 29, 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!*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Reflection on 'Hyfrydol'* arr. Don Phillips

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; Romans 5:5, John 4:24*

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

And also to you.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us. Those who worship God must worship God in spirit and in truth. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 396 *Love Divine, All loves Excelling*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient people. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, and we have rebelled against Your love. We have not loved our neighbors. We have refused to hear the cry of those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; 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 *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Callahan
Youth Handbells

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty God, Your Word makes wise the simple-open us to Your message today as we hear Your Word read and preached in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #

Mark 4:13-20

And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the age and the lure of wealth and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Ecclesiastes 1:12-16, 2:24-26*

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted. I said to myself, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my mind has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge." There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from Him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases Him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

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 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SERMON *Life Lessons: Purpose* 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 370

This Is My Father's World

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 227 *Jesus, Remember Me* Jacques Berthier

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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*POSTLUDE *Open My Eyes that I May See* arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Robbie Robinson (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - Bryan Sanders, Mike and Robbie Lee (8:45)
Bryan Sanders, Bennett Doughton, and Mary Claire Doughton (11:00)

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

