#### RECOGNITION

Today, Sunday, February 5, 2023, is Scout Sunday. Welcome to Scout Troop 138 and Venturing Crew 138.

#### **NEED TO KNOW COLUMN**

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

Wednesday, February 15

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)

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons will meet in Crossroads classroom

# 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.

#### 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



#### 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 was 146 items. Thank You!

## **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?



Taco Bar/Tamales, Rice, Beans, Salad, and Tres Leches Bread Pudding

2/15 Pizza, Pasta & Sauce, Salad, Bread, Cookies & Ice Cream

> Baked Potatoes with Shredded Chicken or Pork, Salad, and Peach Cobbler

Chef Rod will be cooking for us on Wednesday nights.

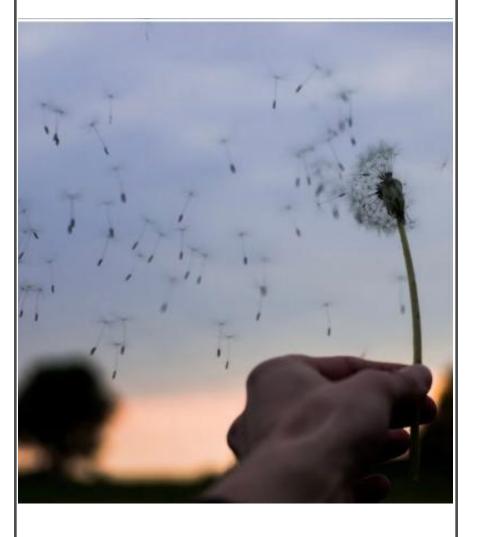


On Sunday, February 12 the L.I.F.E. Youth will be accepting ® donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations. All Contributions will be given to **Sharing Life.** 

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

# **GUIDE TO WORSHIP**

**February 5, 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** ?? arr. ??

INTROIT (368) We Fall Down Chris Tomlin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

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 66:1-3

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

And also to you.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to God glorious praise. Say to God, "How Awesome are Your deeds! All the earth worships You; they sing praises to Your name."

\*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your lovingkindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE (Hvmn 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)

Go Down, Moses arr. Richard E. Frey Chancel Choir

When Israel was in Egypt's land: Let My people go; Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let My people go. Go down, Moses, 'Way down in Egypt land, Tell old Pharaoh to let My people go. The Lord told Moses what to do, Let My people go; To lead the children of Israel through, Let My people go. Go down, Moses, 'Way down in Egypt land, Tell old Pharaoh to let My people go. Oh, let us all from bondage flee, Let My people go; And let us all in God be free, Let My people go. Go down, Moses, 'Way down in Egypt land, Tell old Pharaoh to let My people go. Go down, Moses, 'Way down in Egypt land, Tell old Pharaoh to let My people go.

grace to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds as Your Word is read and preached today. Mark 13:32-37

Gracious God, Your grace is sufficient-and we pray for Your

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # •

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # • Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before Him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by. Moreover I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, wickedness was there, and in the place of righteousness, wickedness was there as well. I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for he has appointed a time for every matter, and for every work. I said in my heart with regard to human beings that God is testing them to show that they are but animals. For the fate of humans and the fate of animals is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and humans have no advantage over the animals; for all is vanity. All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knows whether the human spirit goes upward and the spirit of animals goes downward to the earth? So I saw that there is nothing better than that all should enjoy their work, for that is their lot; who can bring them to see what will be after them?

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 702 Christ Be Beside Me

**SERMON** Life Lessons: Time Rev. Doughton

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 Holv Ghost. Amen.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*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 22 arr. ??

### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**Elder # -** George Venner (8:45); William Richardson (11:00) Deacon/Ushers - Nick Scholl, Richard Mauldin, and John Futrell • Chaplain Aide, Kaiden Bowens (11:00)

#### 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