

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, February 19

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 20

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meeting Crossroads classroom

Wednesday, February 22

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal
 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 26

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast Meeting
 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. - Fellowship Dinner - Teen Challenge Men's Chorus

Monday, February 27

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 1

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal
 6:30 p.m. - Rev. Doughton will lead a Lenten Series
 "What is so Amazing About Grace"
 6:30 p.m. - No Watercolor Painting Class this evening
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons will meet in Crossroads classroom

Sunday, March 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, March 6 through Friday, March 10

Rev. Doughton will be out of the office on vacation

Monday, March 6

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal
 6:30 p.m. - Lenten Series "What is so Amazing About Grace"
 6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Watercolor Painting)
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 12

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, March 13

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 15

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal
 6:30 p.m. - Rev. Doughton will lead a Lenten Series
 "What is so Amazing About Grace"
 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting in Crossroads classroom



We will offer a light meal and classes for Adults on Wednesdays through March. The price is still \$5.00 per person. Please sign-up to attend.

Pete Allen will offer a watercolor classes except for March 1, he will be out of town. There will be a sign-up sheet in the welcome center.

Each Wednesday through March at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Doughton will lead a Lenten series. This year's study is based on Philip Yancey's book, "What is So Amazing About Grace. **We need to know how many will attend in order to have enough supplies.** Please sign-up!

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.

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?



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| 2/22 | Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Salad, and Do Nothing Cake |
| 3/1 | Beef Stew, Cornbread, Salad, and Bread Pudding |
| 3/8 | Panko Baked Chicken, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, and Texas Sheet Cake |

Chef Rod will be cooking for us on Wednesday nights.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

On February 14, the Presbyterian Women gave a Valentine Party for the residents of *Caraday of Mesquite Skilled Nursing*. We had an overwhelming response from our congregation with Valentine Cards. For most, it was the only love they received that day. Thank you for the outpouring compassion you showed for these often-forgotten children of God. It was greatly appreciated.

Our next mission will be to collect diapers and wipes for *Viola's House* and *Inspired Vision Compassion Center*. If you care to assist in our mission, you may turn in your donations to the Welcome Center by Sunday, April 9.

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 February thus far is **167 items. Thank You!**

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

February 19, 2023

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

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Better to draw near in obedience than to offer the sacrifice as fools do, for they ignorantly do wrong. Do not be hasty to speak, and do not be impulsive to make a speech before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.
Eccl 5:1-2

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 *How Firm a Foundation/The Solid Rock* arr. Don Shannon

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*

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

And also to you.

The Lord is the giver of all good things. The Lord has given hope to the world. The Lord gives us faith so we may stand. The Lord guides us and works to conform us to the image of Jesus Christ. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Might, Mercy, and Compassion; in Jesus Christ we behold Your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Focused on ourselves, we fail to see Your work in the world. We speak when we should listen, we act when we should reflect. Give us strength to live in Your light and to walk in Your ways, for the sake of Him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 (11:00) *SIYAHAMBA* arr. Donald Moore
Chancel Choir

Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos. Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni Kwenkos.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni Kwenkos. Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni Kwenkos.

Siyahamba, hamba, hamba, oh, Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni Kwenkos. Siya

We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, oh, marching in the light of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All Knowing, Gracious God, challenge our minds where they need to be challenged, encourage our wills where they need encouragement, comfort our hearts where they need comforting, in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #

Mark 7:6-11

He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me; in vain do they worship Me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' " "You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then He said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God),

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON #

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God; to draw near to listen is better than the sacrifice offered by fools, for they do not know how to keep from doing evil. Never be rash with your mouth nor let your heart be quick to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you upon earth; therefore let your words be few. For dreams come with many cares, and a fool's voice with many words. When you make a vow to God, do not delay fulfilling it, for He has no pleasure in fools. Fulfill what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not fulfill it. Do not let your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake; why should God be angry at your words and destroy the work of your hands? With many dreams come vanities and a multitude of words, but fear God.

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 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SERMON

Life Lessons: Integrity

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Solid Rock
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist

arr. Michael Wilson

*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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Mark Hayes

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Ann Smith (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - Debra Ford, Renee Stormer, and Gina Villafana (8:45);

Debra Ford, Renee Stormer, and Paul Luce (11:00)