NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Tuesday, February 28

7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

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

Thursday, March 16

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 19 - Blood Drive

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. - Church Night Supper - Mesquite March Madness for Missions

Monday, March 20

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 21

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Meeting in the Crossroads classroom

Church Night Supper

Our next Church Night Supper is this Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

We will have special guests from Teen Challenge, their Men's Chorus. Please bring a meat, side dish, salad, or dessert to share.



WEDNESDAY
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.

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?



- 3/1 Beef Stew, Cornbread, Salad, and Bread Pudding
 - Panko Baked Chicken, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, and Texas Sheet Cake
- 3/15 Chili, Cornbread, Salad, and Bread Pudding

Chef Rod will be cooking for us on Wednesday nights.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

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



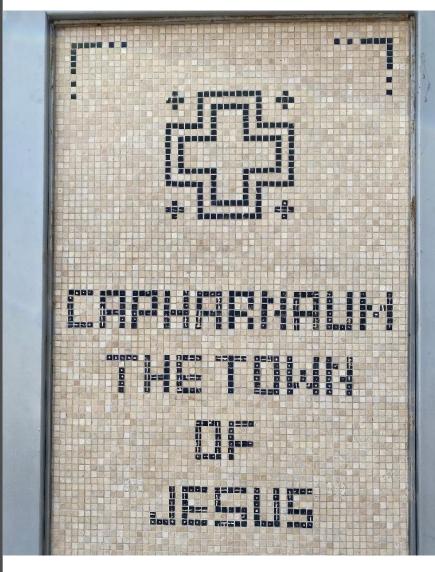
The 100 Can Challenge continues . . .
Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our total collected for February thus far is 205 items. Thank You!

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 26, 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 705

You Are Holy

Tammi Rhoton You are holy; You are mighty; You are worthy, worthy of praise. I will follow; I will listen; I will love You all of my days. I will sing to and worship the King Who is worthy; I will love and adore Him; I will bow down before Him. I will sing to and worship the King Who is worthy. I will love and adore him; I will bow down before Him. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 1:2;

Adapted from Joel 12:12-14

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

And also to you.

Even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord Your God, for the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Come, Let us Worship the Lord.

*HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us Your word, both in scripture and in Son, You have promised us Your presence, and You have graced us with Your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject Your purposes for us. We do not love what You love. We do not embrace what You embrace. We do not defend what You have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with Your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we may live fully for Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. 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) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Gilbert M. Martin Chancel Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Price of died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride. Forbit it, Lord, that I should boast, that I should boast, Save the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all Wisdom and Glory, open us to work of the Holy Spirit that we may hear Your Word with understanding, grace, and wisdom in this Season of Lent in Jesus name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. Other boats were with Him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him up and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 2:13-17

Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As He was walking along, He saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed Him. And as He sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed Him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to His disciples, "Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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 518 Your Only Son

The Call Rev. Doughton **SERMON**

*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

arr. ??

Ryoji Shimpo, pianist

*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 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 709

God, We Honor You

James E Clemens

God, we honor You. God, we trust in You. God, we worship and adore You. Take what we bring, offered to You. Teach us to show Your abundant blessings. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

*POSTLUDE

arr. ??

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Ron Smith (8:45); Eric Schwartz (11:00) Deacon/Ushers - Gina Villafana, Alberto Villafana, and David Howard (8:45); Gina Villafana, Alberto Villafana, David Howard and Larry Thomas (11:00)

COVER PICTURE

Our cover picture comes from Rev. Doughton's collection from his 2022 trip to the Holy Land. The encounter between Jesus and Matthew/Levi most likely took place in Capernaum.