

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Cindy and Gerald Jenkins in recognition of their 48th Wedding Anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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"

6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Watercolor Painting)

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

Wednesday, March 22

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. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Watercolor Painting)

Sunday, March 26

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



Sunday, March 19, 2023 is our next Blood Drive.

Please use this QR Code to sign-up.

This drive will have 30 slots for donors, our goal is to have at least 20 or more successful donors.

The need for donors right now is important, and our drive will help the community. Let's be mission-minded and save lives through our donation of blood.



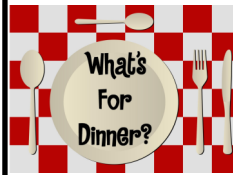
We will offer a light meal and classes for Adults on Wednesdays through March. The price is still \$5.00 per person. Please sign-up to attend.

Pete Allen will offer watercolor classes 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! (Dr. Carol will led this week)

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?



3/8 Panko Baked Chicken, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, and Texas Sheet Cake

3/15 Chili, Cornbread, Salad, and Bread Pudding

3/22 French Bread Pizza, Pasta and Sauce, Salad, and Chocolate Pie

3/29 Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Broccoli Slaw, Chips, Salad & Ice Cream Sundaes

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 was **241 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

March 5, 2023

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

Our cover photo comes from Rev. Doughton's collection from the Holy Land. This view is from Mt. Arbel (northwest side of the Sea of Galilee) over looking the Sea to the side where the Ten Cities (the Decapolis) were located.



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 *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*
Jesus Is All the World Medley Charity Book Putnam

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 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

*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) *A Lenten Hymn* Robert Lau
Chancel Choir

Ah, Holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended,
that we to judge Thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected.
O most afflicted. I crucified You, O Lord, my God,
O Lord, my God, O Lord, my God, my King!
Abide with us, that so this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy, we may attain, we may attain,
an Easter joy attain at last!

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 5:1-20*

They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. And when He had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him. He lived among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain, for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces, and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before Him, and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure You by God, do not torment me." For He had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." He begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the region. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding, and the unclean spirits begged Him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." So He gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, stampeded down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea. The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the man possessed by demons sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had the legion, and they became frightened. Those who had seen what had happened to the man possessed by demons and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus refused and said to him, "Go home to your own people, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and what mercy He has shown you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone was amazed.

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 835 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

SERMON *The Storms* Rev. Doughton

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken* Peter Benjamin
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**

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 223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*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 *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. H Thomas Manning

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)

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