

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, March 19 - Blood Drive

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell and Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth/Parent meeting for Youth Music Tour
- 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 Youth Sr. High classroom
- 7:30 p.m. - 2021 Wilbanks Hall Task Force meeting 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 and Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

### Monday, March 27

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 29 - Last Session

- 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)
- 6:30 p.m. - Youth Sunday Practice 1 of 3

### Saturday, April 1


- 8:00 a.m. to Noon - L.I.F.E. Youth - Rodeo Parade Parking
- 9:00 a.m. to Noon - All Church Workday

### Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell and Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth/Parent meeting for Youth Music Tour
- 6:30 p.m. - Youth Sunday Practice 2 of 3

## Youth Music Tour Fundraising

Be sure to stop by the table in the main hallway in support of the Youth Music Tour. You will be able to "FLOCK SOMEONE" or purchase insurance against your yard being flocked. Sales end March 19.


-  Flocking \$25.00
-  Flocking Insurance \$20.00
-  Flocking Removal \$25.00

This is a fun way to advertise our church and support the Youth with their mission trip.

The Youth are also selling advertisement spaces on their mission t-shirts.

Ads are available in the following denominations: \$500, \$450, \$150, \$50 and \$25. This is an excellent write-off and advertisements for businesses.

**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.





**All Church Workday, Saturday, April 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

The Property Committee will be heading up an "all church workday" at our church on Saturday, April 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Our tentative plan is to Clean Windows, Reorganize the Shed, Clean around the Manse, (possibly, assist Christian Education Committee reorganizing a few classrooms). We have a sign-up sheets for each area in the welcome center.


There are many things to be done inside and out. Please sign-up and mark your calendar to come and help. The more workers we have the less time this will take and the greater the outcome will be.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a couple of hours out of your Saturday to clean up around the church.

If you have questions, please see Eric Schwartz, Property Chair.

**What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?**

	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.

**Faith and Life Sunday School Class**

Faith and Life Class has begun to meet again during the Sunday School hour for some fellowship and study. Primarily, they will be using *The Present Word* curriculum as they have in the past. Paula Kusewitt will facilitate the lessons in a discussion-guided format, and all materials are provided. All are invited to join this group: those who previously met as the Faith and Life Class as well as anyone else who'd like to participate. We want to rebuild this class and glorify God through our actions and words. We will meet in the Faith and Life Classroom in the Wilbanks Hall Building- We hope you'll join us!

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Christian Education committee could use your help! We need candy stuffed Easter Eggs. Individually wrapped cookies or snacks and juice drinks for our Egg Hunt. Also, we would love your help on Saturday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a large part of our outreach during Holy Season, please help us show off our wonderful church family.

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

March 19, 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!*



### About the Cover Picture

Rev. Doughton took this picture in northern Israel. The hill on the horizon is in Lebanon. Our lesson tells us that Jesus went to the "region of Tyre". It is on the coast of modern-day Lebanon. It was into such a land that Jesus went to spend time away. Yet, once again a person in need discovered Him. The discussion that followed has challenged believers for many years. Today we will gather some insights from Jesus's conversation with this foremother in the faith.

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. Kevin McChesney  
Jubilate Ringers

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 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

\*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 #

MOMENT FOR MISSION Youth Music Tour

ANTHEM *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. Kevin McChesney  
Jubilate Ringers

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 7:24-30*

From there He set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know He was there. Yet He could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about Him, and she came and bowed down at His feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then He said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

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 834

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

SERMON

*The Woman*

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 Gift to be Simple* arr. Dale Wood  
Ryoji Shimpō, 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 215

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

\*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

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. Frank Ritter

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elder #** - Kay Alvarez (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)

**Deacon/Ushers** - Nick Scholl, John Futrell, and Larry Thomas (8:45);  
Nick Scholl, John Futrell, and Linda Fricke (11:00)

### Mission March Madness in Mesquite

#### A Fellowship Dinner for March 19, 2023 in Wilbanks Hall

Today, March 19 at 6:00 PM we will gather in Wilbanks Hall for our monthly fellowship gathering. Rev. Rob Leischner of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Dallas will serve as our speaker. Rev. Leischner will highlight the work of the East Dallas Cluster (of which we are a part) the El Norte Presbytery of Guatemala. We support their work with children and pastoral support.

This dinner will be covered dish. Sheryl Miller, Chair of Fellowship Committee, will oversee the set ups. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather together and to see how we impact the world.

### THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor  
Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries  
Ryoji Shimpō, Organist  
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant  
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus