NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, March 26

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service with Lent Cantata

- 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 - Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Broccoli Slaw, Chips, Salad & Ice Cream Sundaes

- 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 6:30 p.m. - Youth Sunday Practice 2 of 3

Monday, April 3

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 4

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

Wednesday, April 5

7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons meeting in the Crossroad Classroom 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Worship Service, Wilbanks Hall observing the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday

7:00 p.m. - Service of Darkness

Saturday, April 8

12:00 p.m. - Setup for Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9 - Easter "He Has Risen"

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Wednesday, April 12

7:00 p.m. - Session meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

Thursday, April 13

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 15

7:00 a.m. - Setup Garage Sale

- 8:00 a.m. Garage Sale
- 3:00 p.m. Cleanup Garage Sale

Sunday, April 16

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service with Jubilate Ringers

9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell and Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

12:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Luncheon and Auction (Baked Goods/Youth Labor)

THOSE WHO SERVE

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

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. Please park in the south parking lot. If you have questions, please see ^a Eric Schwartz, Property Chair.

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.



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!

Youth Music Tour Fundraising

🖌 Our next Fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 1 from 8:00 🖌 $\stackrel{\frown}{\star}$ a.m. to noon. We will offer parking in the north parking lot $\stackrel{\frown}{\star}$ \star for the Rodeo Parade (seeking donations for our trip) and \star \star selling bottled water. Please pray for our buckets to be filled \star \bigstar with donations. \bigstar

GUIDE TO WORSHIP March 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!



About the Cover Picture

Our cover picture shows us a view of the Golan Heights looking into Syria. As we read in our lesson, Jesus went from the region of Tyre and then Sidon back to the Decapolis by way of the northern regions of Galilee. While Jesus may not have come to this place, this does represent the type of landscape He would have seen.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above arr. Lani Smith

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 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*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 (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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Property Committee

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Youth Choir Tour

ANTHEM #1 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, (continued)

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.

ANTHEM #2 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 7:31-37 Then He returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to Him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put His fingers into his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The children and youth are asked to come forward at this time.

them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more

zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond

measure, saying, "He has done everything well; He even makes

*HYMN 65 Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah SERMON The Man

Rev. Doughton

ANTHEM #3

O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died. The humble King they named a fraud and scarified the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the Holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the Holy Lamb of, Holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood 'til I am just a lamb of, lamb of God. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTO

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

*HYMN 213

Lamb of God Chancel Choir

Were you there when they crucified my Lord.

Your only Son, no sin to hide,

but You have sent Him from Your side to walk upon this guilty sod and become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the Holy Lamb of God.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God.

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ORY	A Lenten Meditation	arr. Roy Danielsen
	Ryoji Shimpo, pianist	•

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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*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.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory arr. Gregg Sewell *POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Ron Smith (8:45); Evelyn Parker (11:00) Deacon/Ushers - Eric Schwartz, Kirk Dixon, and Susan Farmer (8:45); Eric Schwartz, Mary Claire Doughton, and Clarence Greer (11:00)