

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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

### Monday, April 10

Office is closed

### 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)

### Tuesday, April 18

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Birthday Celebration (Dinner provided by the Coordinating Team) All Women are Invited

### Wednesday, April 19

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. - Youth Sunday Practice 3 of 3 - with a pizza party

### Sunday, April 23 - Youth Sunday

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast  
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service *with* Youth Handbells  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

### Monday - Friday, April 24 through April 28

Rev. Doughton will be away for Continued Education

#### THOSE WHO SERVE

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

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MESQUITE

**PETTING ZOO**
**EASTER BUNNY**

**PONY RIDES**

# EASTER EGG HUNT

## APRIL 8TH 1PM-3PM

**COOKIES & PUNCH**
ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED THROUGH 5TH GRADE  
1028 SOUTH BELT LINE RD.  
MESQUITE, TX
**GOODIES & GAMES**

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#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>PALM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> APRIL 2ND 8:45AM AND 11AM	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> APRIL 6TH 7 PM	<b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE</b> APRIL 7TH 7PM	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> APRIL 9TH 8:45AM AND 11AM
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### SPRING CHURCH GARAGE SALE IT'S SPRING CLEANING TIME!! OUR GARAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

You've got stuff ...  
 More than you need ... or have room for.  
 So, clean out those closets and we'll help you get rid of that excess stuff. Remember, your stuff could become someone's treasure at the garage sale ... did we mention April 15?  
 Mark your calendar and plan to be here to help us.

**THIS IS HOW WE FINANCE SOME OF OUR BENEVOLENCES.**

We need volunteers to help prepare for the sale on Thursday and Friday, April 13 & 14. Gracy will set a time during the day to organize.  
 Help set-up beginning at 7 am on Saturday, helpers during the sale, and helpers to clean-up at 3 pm.

SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE WELCOME CENTER!

#### 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.

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

April 2, 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

The cover picture shows a view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. The Dome of the Rock Mosque is located where the Temple stood in the days of Jesus. In this time, Pilgrims will walk down the Mount of Olives on Palm Sunday to the city in celebration of the Entry.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Cindy Berry

INTROIT 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (v.1)* Jennette Threlfall  
Chancel Choir

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### And also to you.

Rejoice Greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Lo, your King comes to you; Triumphant and victorious is He,  
Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
Blessed is He Who comes in name of the Lord.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, Whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we have failed to fulfill Your will for us. We betray our neighbors and desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though You have bound for Yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to You. God, have mercy on us, weak and willful people. Lead us once again to Your table, and unite us to Christ, Who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. To Christ be praise forever. 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 *Let Your Glad Hosanna Ring* Lloyd Larsen  
Chancel Choir

Hosanna, hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King!  
Hosanna, hosanna! Let your glad hosannas ring.  
Hosanna, hosanna! Sing to the King!  
Hosanna, hosanna! Let your glad hosannas ring.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna!  
Praise to the King who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna!  
Hosanna, hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Eternal, Almighty, and Merciful God; Whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but Your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Christ, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to Your service. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*Mark 11:1-11*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then He entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when He had looked around at everything, as it was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*Mark 11:12-14, 20-25*

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, He was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps He would find anything on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it. In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that You cursed has withered." Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

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 197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (v.2&3)*

SERMON

*The Entry*

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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Barbara Boertje  
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 198

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This (v.1)* Carlton R. Young  
Chancel Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

\*POSTLUDE *What Wondrous Love is This?* arr. Mark Hayes

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Brenda Greer (8:45); Roger Foltz (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - David Stormer, Debra Ford, and Renee Stormer (8:45);  
David Stormer, Debra Ford, Renee Stormer and Paul Luce (11:00)