

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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  
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee will meet in Youth Classroom

### 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 Continuing Education

### Monday, May 1

Renee will be away on Jury Duty

### Tuesday through Thursday, May 2 - May 4

Rev. Doughton will be away for Continuing Education

### Tuesday, May 2

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

### Wednesday, May 3

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 4

National Day of Prayer

### Friday through Sunday, May 5

Mo-Ranch - Men's Retreat.

### Sunday, May 7 - Senior Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Lord's Supper will be observed  
at both services  
9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell and Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
12:00 p.m. - Youth Music Tour Subcommittee Meeting

### Wednesday, May 10

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting

#### 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

#### Youth Music Tour Fundraiser

Please join us today, Sunday, April 16, immediately following the 11:00 worship service, for a Spaghetti Luncheon. The Luncheon will be hosted by the Youth who will be attending the Youth Music Tour in June. Brenda Greer will be overseeing the event from the kitchen. The suggested donation is \$8 per plate (pay at the door Zelle payments are accepted). In addition, there will be a hybrid auction. This auction will be silent and will go live at the end of the meal. Featured in this auction will be homemade desserts and the labor of our Youth. We hope you will be able to join us!



The Men's Council is happy to be presenting our **2nd Annual Mother's Day Pancake Brunch** in Wilbanks Hall, in honor of all our mothers, on **May 14th** from **9:45-11**. Everyone is welcome to attend, but we would ask that you RSVP in the Welcome Center.



#### Mother's Day Pancake Brunch

Presented by the Men's Council

**Sunday, May 14th, 9:45-11**

*Please RSVP in the Welcome Center.*

#### 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 in April thus far is **43 items. Thank You!**

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

April 16, 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

This is the modern day Damascus Gate in Jerusalem. At this place there existed another Damascus Gate from which Saul left Jerusalem to persecute Damascus Christians. On that road Saul encountered Jesus Christ, thus making him the last Apostle. Saul, also known by his Greek name Paul, went on to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. As he prepared to speak to the Church in Rome, Paul wrote a letter. Today we will look at that letter's introduction.

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* arr. Kevin McChesney  
Jubilate Ringers

INTROIT 458 *Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet* Amy Grant

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2;*  
*Psalm 118:24; 103:1*

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

**And also to you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Bless the Lord O, my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name.

\*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You Sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from Your truth and from Your holy will. We have failed in love, we have forgotten to be just, and we have turned away from Your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to Your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. 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 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*  
Jubilate Ringers  
arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. As Your Word is read and preached may it guide us in the right path, may it direct our steps, and may it lead us to our hearts true desire in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Isaiah 49:6*

He says, "It is too light a thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Romans 1:1-7*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning His Son, Who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through Whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of His name, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

SERMON *Write This Down* 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 *Immortal, Invisible* arr. David Paxton  
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 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 826 *(vs 2)* *Lift High the Cross* George William Kitchin  
Lift high the cross,

the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Al newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

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\*POSTLUDE *God, That Madest Earth and Heaven*  
arr. Jason W. Krug

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elder #** - Sheila Hammer *(8:45)*; Paul Luce *(11:00)*  
**Deacon/Ushers** - Madison Villafana, Taylor Hammer,  
and Schyler Marin *(8:45)*;  
Madison Villafana, Taylor Hammer, Schyler Marin,  
and Sheila Hammer *(11:00)*