

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Sunday, April 30

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

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

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. - High School Senior Reception in Wilbanks Hall

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

Friday, May 12

7:05 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Roughriders Baseball Game

Sunday, May 14

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

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

9:45 a.m. - Pancake Brunch hosted by the Men's Council

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Thursday, May 18

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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

Class of 2023

On Sunday, May 7, 2023 we will recognize our graduating seniors. We have four youth who are graduating high school. Luke Boling, Alberto Villafana, Isaac Williams, and Kade Williams.

The Christian Education Committee will host these seniors in the Wilbanks Hall during the Sunday School hour and after the 11:00 worship service. Refreshments will be served during the event.

Each one will have a display of their accomplishments, passions, and indications of what the future holds. Please stop by to say congratulations and to wish them well.



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.

Youth Music Tour 2023

The Youth would like to say thank you to all who participated in the fundraising events. The Spaghetti Dinner and Auction was a huge success. Thank You!



THE CHALLENGE



Feeding the Community

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 **87 items. Thank You!**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

April 23, 2023

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

YOUTH SUNDAY
JESUS, DWELL IN ME!

LET NO ONE DESPISE YOUR YOUTH,

BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE

BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN

CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH, IN

PURITY.

- 1 TIMOTHY 4:12



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

INTROIT 743 *O God, You Are My God* David Strasser
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke Boling

You, O Lord, are our strength and our shield, our rock and our salvation. You, O Lord, are holy, You alone are perfect love, You alone are perfect truth; and You, O Lord, are alone worthy of praise. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 627 *I Love You, Lord*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Mackenzie Davila

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Mackenzie Davila

Loving God, this morning we bring to You our confession. We confess we have gone astray. Shepherd us, Lord. We confess we often love You half-heartedly. Make us whole, Lord. We confess we trivialize Your sacrifice. Give us perspective, Lord. We confess we find most of our strength in ourselves. Be our strength, Lord. We confess little zeal for Your glory. Give us passion, Lord. We confess we've done so many things wrong. Forgive us, Lord. We confess we often don't love You well. Love us, Lord. Hear our prayers, O Lord. We ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ, who exchanges our confession for abundant life in Him. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Mackenzie Davila

*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 # Bennett Doughton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Samuel Clifton (*8:45*)
Zachary Leavitt (*11:00*)

O Lord, as Your word says, You are our light and our salvation, Whom shall we fear. As we hear Your Word read and proclaimed may we see Your light, may our souls delight in Your saving ways, and may we act without fear but with full confidence in Jesus Name. Amen.

REFLECTION SCRIPTURE *Ephesians 3:20-21*
Diana Clifton (*8:45*); Katie Leavitt (*11:00*)

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Alberto Villafana
& Luke Boling

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

*HYMN 701 *Lord, Prepare Me*

SERMON *Hebrews 12:11* Isaac Williams
“No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening – it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.”

SERMON *Philippians 1:20* Kade Williams
“For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die.”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH MacKenzie Aynes
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 Julia Mauldin

LORD'S PRAYER Julia Mauldin
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 ?? arr. David Paxton
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*) Youth Handbells

**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 Parker Villafana

*HYMN 519 *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Bennett Doughton

*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.
All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of
Christ who died.
Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Bennett Doughton
Deacon/Ushers - Rod Graham, Alberto Villafana,
Parker Villafana, Mackenzie Davila, & Luke Boling