

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, April 30

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. - Called Session Meeting

### 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

### Tuesday, May 9

7:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee 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

### Sunday, May 21 - Patriot Service

- 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

### Tuesday, May 23

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, May 24

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**May 27 - June 3 Rev. Doughton is away on a family vacation**

## 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.*

## 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 **113 items. Thank You!**

## 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

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

April 30, 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

She is called "the Mona Lisa of Galilee". This mosaic is found in Sephorris. This largely Gentile city was about three miles from Nazareth. Joseph and later Jesus probably did some work there on various projects. Jesus makes no reference to the city in the Gospels. Jesus first came to the children of Israel. However, He meant for His message to eventually go to all the world. Today, we will learn more about Paul's passion to preach to "the Jew as well as the Greek" and what that means for us.

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The Risen Lord* Eugene Butler

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.

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

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*

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

**And also to you.**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation. Oh may our souls praise God, for He is our health and salvation. "Come, all who hear, now to His presence draw near." "Let is all join in glad adoration." Let us worship God!

\*HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty and Merciful God, by Your power Christ is raised from death to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not believed in Him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread and our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, Who was dead but now lives, and Who will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when Your promised kingdom comes. 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 #

\*HYMN 735 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing God, Your Word is sharper than a two-edged sword. As we hear it read and preached today, may it pierce any walls that would keep us from hearing Your Word. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Isaiah 49:67*

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, Who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, Who has chosen you."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Romans 1:8-17*

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, Whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of His Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift so that you may be strengthened—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you, as I have among the rest of the gentiles. I am obligated both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish, hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

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 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

SERMON *I Give Thanks for You* 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.**

ANTHEM *Christ is Risen!* Jan Sanborn

Chancel Choir

Christ is risen! Allelujah!

Christ is risen! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more.

Death has no dominion over Him. Death has no dominion over Him.

For in that He died, He died unto sin.

For in that He died, He died unto sin.

For in that He lives, He lives unto God!

Christ is risen! Allelujah!

Christ is risen!

Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

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 Need Thee, Every Hour* arr. Janet Vogt  
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 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

\*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.

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 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Larry Shackley

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elder #** - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Sheila Hammer (11:00)

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

Nick Scholl, John Futrell, Linda Fricke and Sharon Condarco (11:00)