NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Friday through Sunday, May 5 - 7

Mo-Ranch - Men's Retreat.

Sunday, May 7 - Senior Sunday

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

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

9:45 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. - High School Senior Reception in Wilbanks Hall (come and go)

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 - Patriotic 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

Sunday, May 27

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

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, June 3

T/B/D - Rotary Rodeo Road Rally - L.I.F.E. Youth man a station

Sunday, June 4

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

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

Class of 2023

Today, 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 was 143 items. Thank You!

Budget and Stewardship

Our 2023 budget is \$350,000.00

Your contributions to the church are so important. Please don't forget your pledge.

APRIL 2023

	BUDGET Y-T-D	ACTUAL Y-T-D
Income	116,666.67	113,991.83
Expenses	116,666.67	114,007.76

As of April 30, 2023, our expenses exceed our income by \$15.93 Also remember that your pledge to the church includes your time and talents, as well as, your treasures.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

May 7, 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 photo comes from The Church of All Nations. Completed in 1924 with funding from numerous countries (hence the name), the Church stands at the base of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem along-side the Garden of Gethsemane facing the walls of the Old City. It commemorates the site where Jesus prayed having full knowledge of His crucifixion. One can see the seal of the United States of America at this section of the ceiling. The sight of symbols of many nations reminds us that Jesus died for the Elect from nations not even imagined at that time.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

?? **PRELUDE**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 1:2; Psalm 147:1,5 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus

And also to you.

Praise the Lord, How good it is sing praises to our God; for He is gracious and a song of praise is fitting. Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure-Praise the Lord.

*HYMN 32

Christ.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have ignored Your commandments and we have strayed from Your ways. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We fail to reach out to those in need. We confess that we are slow to follow Your leading. We prefer to do things our own way, and ignore Your presence in our lives. Have mercy on us, forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve You and honor Your holy name. 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 #

SENIOR RECOGNITION

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

MOMENT FOR MISSION

THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

ANTHEM All Things Bright and Beautiful John Rutter Chancel Choir

All things Bright and Beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all. Purple-headed mountains, The rivers running by, The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky; (continued)

The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one; All things Bright and Beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all. He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well. All things Bright and Beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious, Loving and All-knowing God, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 50:10-11a

Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of His servant, who walks in darkness and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the Lord and relies upon His God? But all of you are kindlers of fire, lighters of firebrands. Walk in the flame of your fire and among the brands that you have kindled! This is what you shall have from My hand: you shall lie down in torment.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 3:21-26

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by His blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that He is righteous and He justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

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 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

SERMON

First. the Bad News

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.

*HYMN 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

arr. ??

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The 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.

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

*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

arr. Larry Shackley

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Brenda Greer (11:00) Deacon/Ushers - Nick Scholl, John Futrell, Bryan Sanders, and Renee Stormer (8:45);

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