

FLOWERS

The flowers on the Communion Table were given to the glory of God, by the Presbyterian Women in honor of two new babies in our church, Dakota Alexander Marin and Blakelynn Irene Hammer

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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 28 - Guest Preacher - Traci Truly

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 to staff 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

Tuesday, June 6

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women meet for food & fellowship at Joe's Pizza and Pasta, 308 S. Galloway, near the church

Wednesday, June 7

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

Thursday, June 8

7:00 p.m. - Youth Music Tour Presentation

Saturday, June 10 - Saturday, June 15

Youth Music Trip

Sunday, June 11 - Guest Preacher - Jim Witherow

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers - David Stormer, Debra Ford, Susan Farmer, and Kirk Dixon (8:45);
Eric Schwartz, Debra Ford, Paul Luce, and Liz Ramsey (11:00)
Youth Reader ♦ - Campbell Futrell (8:45); Zachary Leavitt (11:00)

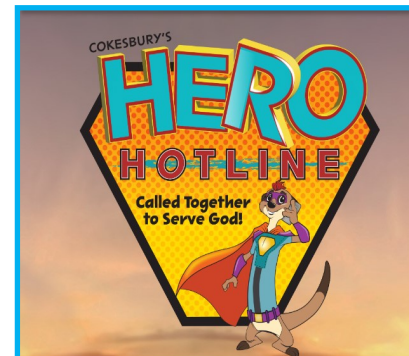
The Men's Council is happy to be presenting our **2nd Annual Mother's Day Pancake Brunch** in Wilbanks Hall, in honor of all our mothers, on **May 14th** from **9:45-11**. Everyone is welcome to attend!



Mother's Day Pancake Brunch

Presented by the Men's Council

Sunday, May 14th, 9:45-11



Save the Date!
2023 VBS
Sunday, June 25 - Sunday, June 29



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 so far in May is **25 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

May 14, 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 today comes from the "Frank Chapel" (maintained by the Catholic Church) in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This is next to the space honored as Golgotha. There are many scenes of the crucifixion portrayed on the walls. In the midst of this, one sees this scene depicting the binding of Isaac by Abraham. Here we see the Angel stop Abraham. There's a ram, a male sheep, caught in the thickets. In the Biblical story, Abraham sacrificed it instead of Isaac. Another mosaic in the chapel shows Jesus nailed to the cross. In the background, there's a bush, but there's no ram caught in it. That's because Jesus is going to be sacrificed. In this case, according to Christian belief, Jesus is like the ram for humanity. Today our lesson will look at Abraham. We will see the connection between his act of faith and trust, grace, and hope.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Franklin Ritter

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.

As the deer pants for the water, so do our hearts long after You;
You alone are our souls desire and we long to worship You. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, in every age You have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to Your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, Your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow, so that living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with Him 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 #

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY

ANTHEM *Just A Little Talk With Jesus* Cleavant Derricks
Men of the Chancel Choir

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in,
And then a little light from Heaven filled my soul;
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above,
And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.
Chorus: Now let us have a little talk with Jesus,
let us tell Him all about our troubles,
He will hear our faint cry and He will answer by and by;
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning,
and you know a little fire is burning,
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

(continued)

Sometimes my path seems drear without a ray of cheer,
And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day;
The mist of sin may rise and hide the starry skies,
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

Chorus

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears,
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night
I go to Him in prayer, He knows my every care,
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

Chorus

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious and All-Knowing God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, feet to act as we hear Your word read and preached in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Isaiah 42:6*

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Romans 4:13-17*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

SERMON *Now, for Good News* Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(8:45)* 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.

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS *(11:00)*

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS ELDER, MEG GARVERHAMILTON

On behalf of the Session, I present the following young people to be confirmed by First Presbyterian Church of Mesquite, TX:
Katie Claire Leavitt and Zachary Andrew Leavitt

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME CONGREGATION

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

*HYMN 306 *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*
Parents place the crosses on the confirmands

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 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Michael Wilson
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 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*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 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* arr. C.E. Walz