

\*RESPONSE *O God, Show Mercy to Us (v.2)* Gustav Holst

For You will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness,  
and on the earth all nations will Your just rule confess.  
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing.  
Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring.  
The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessings send,  
and all the earth will worship to its remotest end.

\*VOLUNTARY *Fantasia on 'Come, Thou Fount'* John Purifoy

### NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

#### 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

#### Thursday, May 25

7:00 p.m. - Wilbanks Hall 2021 Repair Task Force meeting

#### 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

#### Monday, May 29

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

#### 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 - Commission Youth Music Tour Attendees

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 - Rev. Doughton & Ben Clifton away with YMT

#### 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

#### Sunday, June 18 - Father's Day

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

#### Tuesday, June 20

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

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Robbie Robinson (8:45); Ann Smith (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Gina Villafana, Alberto Villafana,  
and David Howard (8:45);

Gina Villafana, Alberto Villafana, David Howard,  
and Mary Lee Doughton (11:00)



**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 for May is currently **80** items.

Thank you for your generosity.

### THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor  
Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries  
Ryoji Shimo, Organist  
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant  
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

May 21, 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

Thursday, May 18 marked Ascension Day. Occurring forty days after Easter, it marks the Ascension of Jesus Christ to Heaven after the Resurrection. Your cover picture shows the traditional Ascension. The indentation in the rock is assumed to be a foot print of Jesus-the last part of His body to touch the earth. This site has hosted a church in past centuries. Today pilgrims visit it as a shrine. Jesus reminded us that the Holy Spirit would come following His ascension. Jesus also calls us to be light and salt in our world. Today we will see how Jesus calls us to live, walk, and serve in our world.

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *God of Our Fathers* arr. Tedd Smith

INTROIT *O God, Show Mercy to Us (v.1)* Gustav Holst

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with Your grace;  
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of Your face,  
so that Your way most holy on earth may soon be known,  
and unto every people Your saving grace be shown.  
Let all the peoples praise You; let all the nations sing;  
in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*

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

#### And also to you.

All praise to You, God our Father Who loves us with an everlasting love, All praise to You, Jesus Christ-Who gives us grace without end, All praise to You, Holy Spirit Who brings us together as a fellowship family of faith; All Praise to You Holy Trinity, three in one. Amen.

\*HYMN 336 *We Gather Together*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Holy, and Gracious God; we confess that we have not followed the light of Your Word. We have not searched for signs of Your love in the world or trusted Your good news to be good. We have refused Your peace on earth, we have expected little, and we have hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires and godly ambitions, in Jesus' name we pray. 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 *An American Tribute* Douglas E. Wagner  
Chancel Choir

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountains majesties, above the fruited plain.  
America, America, God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown they good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.  
My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.  
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.  
Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grape of wrath are stored.  
He hath loosed the fateful lighting of His terrible swift sword,

*(continued)*

His truth is marching on.  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.  
America! America! Of thee I sing.

READING *Prayer for a Meaningful Life*  
adapted from President Jimmy Carter

DUET *Amazing Grace*  
Samuel and Diana Clifton

READING *Prayer for Healing*  
adapted from President Ronald Reagan

\*HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing God-as we hear Your word read and preached may it startle us from our status quo, may it heal us where we are wounded, and may it inspire us where we are discouraged. May it light our paths and lead us to a new day in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Galatians 5:1*

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Romans 5:1-11*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by His blood, will we be saved through Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 337 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee (v.4)*

SERMON *And Here Is Some More Good News* Rev. Doughton

\*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *tune is "THAXTED"*  
**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago, Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know; We may not count her armies, we may not see her King; Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering; And soul by soul and silently shining bounds increase; And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.**

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.**

\*HYMN 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Reflections on 'America'* Hugh S Livingston, Jr  
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*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 *Almighty Father, Strong to Save* William Whiting,  
Robert Nelson Spencer

Almighty Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.  
O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our traffic runs amain  
by mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy brethren go,  
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From every peril on the land.  
O Spirit, Whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament;  
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might  
Save all those who dare the eagle's flight,  
And keep them by Thy watchful care For every peril in the air.  
O Trinity of love and power, Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go; Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION