

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Saturday, June 10 - Saturday, June 15

Youth Music Trip - Rev. Doughton & Ben Clifton away with YMT

Sunday, June 11 - Guest Preacher - Rev. 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

Monday, June 19

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Meeting in the Sr. High Youth Rm

Wednesday, June 21

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Thursday, June 22

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 25 - VBS Kick Off

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

5:30 p.m. - VBS Pot luck dinner

6:30 p.m. - VBS Classes for all ages

Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29

T.B.D. - Morning Mission Work for the Youth each day

5:45 p.m. - VBS Dinner \$5.00 per person

6:30 p.m. - VBS Classes for all ages

8:30 p.m. - Pick up children

Sunday, July 2

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

Lord's Supper will be observed at both services

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

Tuesday, July 4

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Independence Day

GETTING TO KNOW THE GUEST PREACHER

The Rev Jim Witherow is retired from Faith Presbyterian Church in Aledo, where he served for over 16 years beginning as the Organizing Pastor for that congregation. Before Faith PC, Jim served as an Associate Pastor for Church Development at First Presbyterian-Fort Worth where he worked on several church initiatives in the Fort Worth area in addition to planting the new church in Aledo.

Prior to entering the ministry, Jim worked in the financial services/ mortgage banking industry and was CEO of one of the 10 largest home lenders in the US.

Jim received his BS degree in Finance at the McIntyre School of Commerce of the University of Virginia and his Master of Divinity at Brite Divinity School affiliated with TCU.

Jim has been a life-long Presbyterian. He and his wife Wanda have two grown daughters and four grandchildren.

Jim and Wanda live in Fort Worth and have a small ranch west of Granbury.



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 May thus far is **142 items. Thank You!**

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

June 11, 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!*

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The Ladies Who Love the Lord will be collecting box/oscillating fans for Sharing Life until July 9th. They can be new or gently used. We all know how brutal our summer heat can be, and these fans can save lives. If you wish to contribute to our mission, please bring your donations to the church between June 1st and July 9th.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Near to the Heart of God* arr. Jeannette M. Smith

INTROIT 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* John L. Bell

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let My love be shown; will you let My name be known;
will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*

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

And also to you.

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 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and Holy God, We come before You in heartfelt confession, acknowledging that we are a broken people, living in a broken world. This world is dark with the stain of sin. Your design for creation has been corrupted by the abuse of power, the appetite for things, and the enslavement of our wills. We allow evil to go unchallenged, and become passive and indifferent to Your call to engage the world with the Gospel. Forgive our sinfulness. Our sins of commission and omission have separated us from You, from others, and from the world You seek to redeem. 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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Wm Marion Runyan
Marilyn Miller and Bruce Miller, Duet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing God, as we hear Your Word read and preached, may we hear today Your special message to us, may we gain insight for the week ahead, and may we see Your larger purposes for our lives in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Genesis 15:1-6*

After these things the Word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will You give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the Word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Romans 4:13-16*

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. For 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 transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us,

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 421 *Have Mercy, God, upon My Life*

SERMON *Righteous Me* Rev. Jim Witherow

*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.

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 *Quiet Moments* arr. Don Phillips
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 824 *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* John L. Bell

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.

Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and foot-steps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

*POSTLUDE *Crusader's Hymn* arr. Don Phillips

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Clarence Greer (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Nick Scholl, Alberto Villafana,
and Larry Thomas (8:45);

Nick Scholl, Alberto Villafana, Linda Fricke,
and Sharon Condarco (11:00)