

FLOWERS

The flowers were given to the glory of God by Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in honor of their daughter, MacKenzie, who is celebrating her 13th birthday.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Youth does mission work at Sharing Life
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

Sunday, July 9

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

Tuesday, July 11

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women meet at Joe's Pizza and Pasta.

Sunday, July 16 - Blood Drive

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



On July 15th, the Ladies Who Love the Lord will gather at Pleasant Grove Church of Christ at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship and a short workday. Our mission is to collect new or used box/oscillating fans for Sharing Life. If you choose to help us in this effort, please place the fans in the designated area near the welcome center by Sunday, July 9th.

Tuesday, July 11th, we will be gathering at Joe's Pizza and Pasta for dinner and fellowship at 7:00 p.m.. Please note that this will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month instead of the 1st because of the 4th of July holiday. The address is 308 S. Galloway Ave. We had a wonderful turnout last month, I hope we will again. It was wonderful to see everyone. ~ Susan Farmer



The VBS registration forms are available in the Welcome Center. If you plan to attend dinner, please sign-up to make your dinner reservation.

Sunday, July 16, 2023 is our next Blood Drive.

Please use this QR Code to sign-up.

This drive will have 30 slots for donors, our goal is to have at least 20 or more successful donors.

The need for donors right now is important, and our drive will help the community.

Let's be mission-minded and save lives through our donation of blood.



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 June thus far is **105 items. Thank You!**

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

June 18, 2023

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Cover Picture

This Rose bloom was located in the Courtyard of the Church of St. George. Located in Burqin on the West Bank, this is the traditional site where Jesus healed ten lepers.



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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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* arr. Charity Book Putnam

INTROIT 726 (*vs 1*) *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.

Glory and praise to our God, Who alone gives light to our days,
many are the blessings He bears to those who trust in His ways.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN 628 *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

*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 hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, Who was dead but lives, and 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.

BAPTISM (11:00) Blakelynn Irene Hammer

THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

DECLARATION OF THE PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY

DECLARATION OF THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY

Question: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Elizabeth Claire by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ?

Response: **We do.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Little child, for you Jesus Christ came into the world; for you He did battle, for you He suffered.
For you He went through the agony of Gethsemane and darkness of Calvary; for you He cried: 'It is fulfilled.'
For you He triumphed over death; and you, little child, know nothing about this.
But this is the statement of the Apostle confirmed: 'We love God, because God first loved us.' Amen.

(From the Reformed Church of France)

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THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME BY 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

ANTHEM *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel* Roger Emerson
Chancel Choir

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel.

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel.

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale, and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not every man?

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel.

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

Deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel.

Deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship began to sail;

It landed me over on Canaan's shore, And I'll never come back no more.

Why not every man? Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

O Lord, as Your word says, You are our light and our salvation, Whom shall we fear. As we hear Your Word read and proclaimed may we see Your light, may our souls delight in Your saving ways, and may we act without fear but with full confidence in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Isaiah 32:15-17*

until a Spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Galatians 5:22-26*

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR MISSION 2023 VBS

*HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

SERMON *Peace and Patients* 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (8:45)

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.

COMMISSION THE VBS TEACHERS AND LEADERS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *May God Inspire* Henry Purcell
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist arr. Lani Smith

*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 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 726 (*vs 5*) *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 *You Shall Go Out With Joy* Geoffrey Andrews

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Amanda Aynes (8:45); Sheila Hammer (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Rod Graham, John Futrell,

and Renee Stormer (8:45);

Rod Graham, John Futrell, Paul Luce

and Renee Stormer (11:00)