

## FLOWERS

The flowers were given to the glory of God by Susan and Paul Luce in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

### NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

#### 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

12:00 p.m. - YMT Subcommittee Meeting in Crossroads classroom

#### Monday, July 3

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

#### Tuesday, July 4

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Independence Day

#### Wednesday, July 5

4:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting

#### 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

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

#### 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

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Carter Blood Mobile will be here, please sign-up using the QR Code. Texans need your help!

#### Tuesday, July 18 through Tuesday, August 1

Rev. Doughton will be away on a family vacation.

#### Sunday, July 23 - Guest Preacher, Julie Adkins

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 for all ages

#### Sunday, July 30 - Guest Preacher, Kenny Rigoulot

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

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

#### Wednesday, August 2 through Wednesday, August 9

Renee Stormer will be away on vacation.



On July 15th, the Ladies Who Love the Lord will gather at Pleasant Grove Christian Church 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 so good to see everyone. ~ Susan Farmer

#### 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 was **145 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

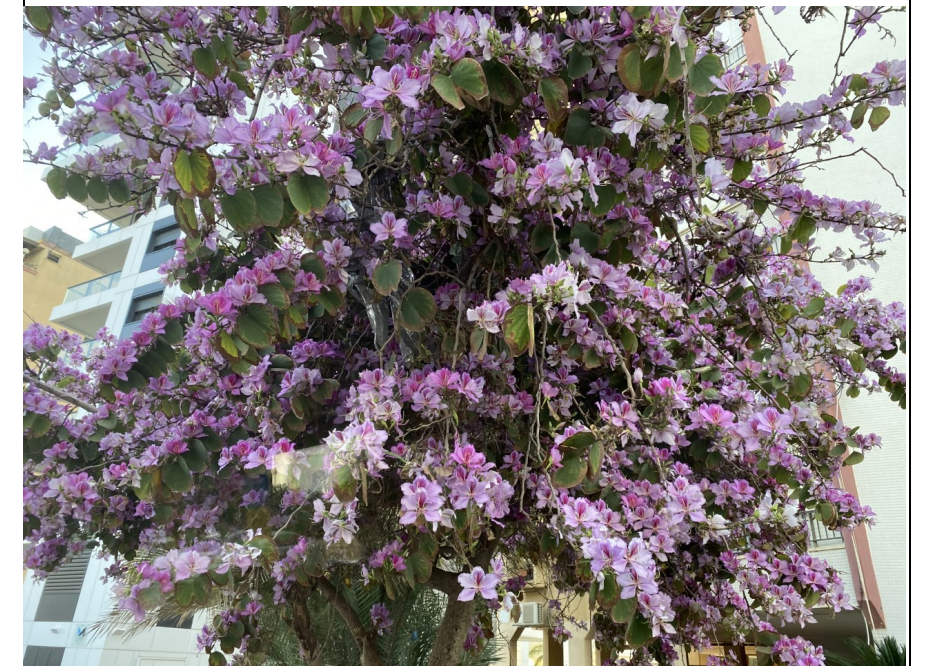
## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

July 2, 2023

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

#### Cover Picture

We blossom as we abide in the Lord. This bush flowers in due season as it abides in soil and water of its land. I saw this bush in Netanya, Israel on our first day of pilgrimage. It reminds me that as I abide in the Lord, the Holy Spirit will bring fruit to my life for the benefit of others.



*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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We would like to say thank you to all our VBS sponsors and volunteers. We give God the glory for a good turnout. We could not have done this without your help. It does take a village and we have such a generous village. Thank you!

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The Washington Post* J.P. Sousa  
arr. D. Coates

INTROIT 341 (v.1) *O God, Show Mercy to Us* 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; Psalm 84:1, 5, 12*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### And also to you.

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! Happy are those whose strength are in You, For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.

\*HYMN 327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy, Good, and Merciful God, in Your Presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your Ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 #

MOMENT FOR MISSION VBS Celebration

READING *Prayers for the Nation, for Guidance, and Peace*  
(Adapted from prayers given by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt)

\*HYMN 337 (v. 1-3) *My Country, Tis of Thee* Samuel Francis Smith

READING *Prayers for Meaning, Purpose, Gratitude, and Healing*  
(Based on prayers given by Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush)

\*HYMN 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* Katharine Lee Bates

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing, Faithful, God who directs the steps of those who listen, may Your Word today inspire us with purpose, may it challenge us to live with integrity, and may we discern Your leadership for our lives and this church 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.**

SERMON *Kindness and Generosity* Rev. Doughton

### \*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; her shining bounds increase; And her ways are ways of gentleness; And all her paths are peace. Amen.

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Reflections on 'America'* Hugh S Livingston, Jr  
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 329 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE (v.4) *My Country Tis of Thee* Samuel Francis Smith  
Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by Thy might, great God, our King.

\*POSTLUDE *The Stars and Stripes Forever* J.P. Sousa  
arr. D. Coates

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Brenda Greer (11:00)

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

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David Howard, and Elna Singleton (11:00)