

FLOWERS

The flowers were given to the glory of God by Paula and John Kusewitt in memory of “The Dallas Five.” The officers who lost their lives in an ambush 7 years ago in Downtown Dallas.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Wednesday, July 26

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (resumes for fall)

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.

Wednesday, August 2

7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting in Crossroads classroom

Sunday, August 6 “Blessing of the Backpacks”

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

Sunday, August 13 “Rally Day”

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

12:00 p.m. - Stay for a picnic style lunch in Wilbanks Hall

2:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth and Faith Builders are invited to a pool party hosted by the Doughtons, at Woodcreek in Fate, TX.

Budget and Stewardship

Our 2023 budget was \$350,000

Your contributions to the church are so important. Please don’t forget your pledge.

JUNE 2023

	BUDGET Y-T-D	ACTUAL Y-T-D
Income	175,000.00	152,579.55
Expenses	175,000.00	174,705.53

As of June 30, 2023, our expenses exceed our income by \$22,125.98
Also remember that your pledge to the church includes your time and talents, as well as, your treasures.

After the 11:00 service, we need some helpers to move the risers and chairs out of the Choir room. They will be placed in the hallway so the floors can be stripped and waxed. Please lend a hand if you can.



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 by VBS was **121 items**. Thus far in July we’ve collected altogether, **185 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

July 9, 2023

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

Cover Picture

This is the River Jordan north of the Sea of Galilee at the Banyas Water Falls. This space reminded me of the Montreat in North Carolina up in the trail area. The water nourishes the land and it is cooled down by the falls. This Sunday you will hear of the connection I made between this site and the scripture.



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 *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Don Shannon

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; Psalm 96:1-2*

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

And also to you.

Let us sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

*HYMN 625 *O Lord My God*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have done those things that which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O Merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your name. 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 *Somebody's Praying* John G. Elliot
Ben Clifton, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious and Loving God, As we once again hear Your Word may it convict us of where we fall short, may it show us a better way to live, and may we have a vision of Your holiness 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 YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

SERMON *Faithfulness and Gentleness* 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

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 *He's My Friend* arr. Roy Danielsen
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 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

*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 *How Great Thou Art!* arr. Fred Bock

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Sheila Hammer (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Taylor Hammer, Madison Villafana,

Schyler Marin, and Sheila Hammer (8:45);

Taylor Hammer, Madison Villafana, Schyler Marin,

and Bennett Doughton (11:00)

Youth Readers ♦- Zoe Futrell (8:45); Bennett Doughton (11:00)