

## FLOWERS

The flowers were given to the glory of God by Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in honor of their daughter, Adeline Aynes, who is celebrating her 7th birthday.

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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 12:30 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 with a Fall Kickoff, at the home of Ben and Caroline Clifton, 329 Sycamore Dr., Murphy, TX 75094

### 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.

### Tuesday, August 15

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

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



## 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. Thus far, in July we've collected altogether, **223 items. Thank You!**

Today, July 16, 2023 is our Summer 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.



## Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday,  
August 6, 2023



## 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 16, 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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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. Matt Hyzer

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 81:1-2*

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

**And also to you.**

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Raise a song, sound the tambourine, and the sweet lyre. Sing aloud to God our strength.

\*HYMN 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father, Your love for us is so very evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of Your great care for us. Yet, when it comes to following You, we confess that we often don't surrender our entire selves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control instead of releasing them to Your loving care. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Forgive us for frequently saying one thing and doing another. May our words and our actions line up. Make us willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, knowing full well that You will never leave us or forsake us. We pray this humbly, in Christ's 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 *The Prayer* Carole Sager  
Quartet, Ben Clifton, Brenda Greer, & David Foster  
John Kusewitt, & Paula Kusewitt

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing God-as Your Word is read and preached may it shine Your light on our lives, may it sharpen our wills to respond, and may it guide our direction to follow we pray 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 835 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

SERMON *And . . . Self Control* 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 *Chorus of Happy Spirits* arr. Lani Smith  
Ryoji Shimpō, 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 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

\*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 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. Ron Boud

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Charles Hammer (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Rod Graham, Ann Smith,  
and Kirk Dixon (8:45);

Rod Graham, Bryan Sanders, Mary Claire Doughton,  
and Bennett Doughton (11:00)