*HYMN 623

I've Got Peace Like a River

*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 Peace Like a River arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - George Venner (8:45); Evelyn Parker (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Eric Schwartz, Susan Farmer,
and Kirk Dixon (8:45);
Eric Schwartz, MacKenzie Aynes,
Liz Ramsey, and Sheryl Miller (11:00)

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 6 "Blessing of the Backpacks"

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

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

Wednesday, August 16

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting in Crossroads classroom

Thursday, August 17

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 20

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

Tuesday, August 22

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Annual Kick-off Salad Supper. All women are invited and asked to bring a Salad of your choice.

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

Getting to Know the Guest Preacher

Rev. Kenny Rigoulot serves as the Executive Director for Development and Spiritual Formation at Gilmont Camp and Conference Center! Kenny grew up going to retreats at Gilmont with his youth group at First Presbyterian Church in Grapevine. He got his Masters of Divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary and became an ordained pastor in the PCUSA, serving congregations in Pampa and Cleburne, before he and his wife were called to serve as Co-Directors at Gilmont, where they live with their three children - Kennan, Brayden, and Grayson. Kenny loves to preach, teach, pastor, worship and have fun with people of all ages. He enjoys meeting new people and is passionate about inviting others to participate, partner with, promote, and support Gilmont's mission to cultivate a safe, sacred space where all are invited to grow closer to God, creation, others, and themselves.

Blessing
of the
Backpacks
Sunday,
August 6, 2023



SUMMER CHURCH GARAGE SALE IT'S HOT AND SO ARE OUR ITEMS! OUR GARAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Mark your calendar and plan to be here to help us. We need volunteers!

THIS IS HOW WE FINANCE SOME OF OUR BENEVOLENCES.

Help set-up beginning at 7 am on Saturday, helpers during the sale, and helpers to clean-up at 12 pm.



SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE WELCOME CENTER!

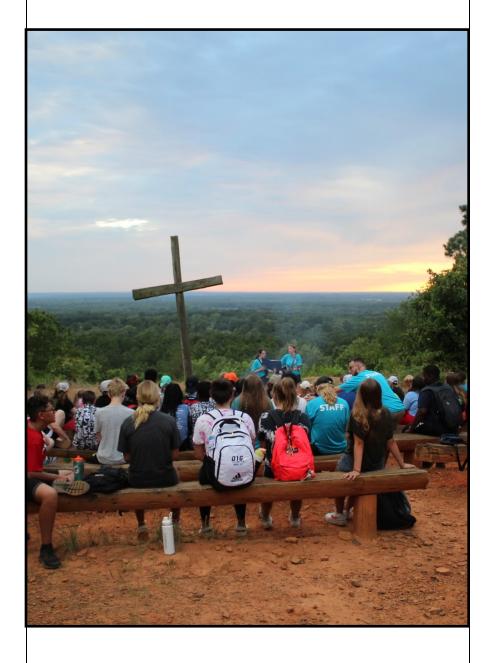
THE CHALLENGE



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 **252 items.** Thank You!

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

July 30, 2023 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Alleluia arr. Terry Osman

INTROIT 726 (vs 1) Will You Come and Follow Me

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 149:1-4
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

And also to you.

Praise the Lord, Sing to the Lord a new song, Let the children rejoice in their King, Let them praise Him by making melody, For the Lord takes pleasure in His people.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. But Jesus meets us were we are and offers us the gift of living water, the gift of eternal life. Forgive us our sin, cleanse us of all unrighteousness, and fill us with living water, so that we may never thirst again. 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 Gilmont Camp & Conference Center

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your Word with joy. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Reph'idim; but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people found fault with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them,

(Continued)

"Why do you find fault with me? Why do you put the LORD to the proof?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Mer'ibah, because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the LORD to the proof by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:1-28a, 39-42

Now when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again to Galilee. He had to pass through Samar'ia. So he came to a city of Samar'ia, called Sy'char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is

called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

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 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

SERMON

Gushers of God's Love

Rev. Rigoulot

*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

Quebec Ryoji Shimpo, pianist arr. Don Phillips

*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 †