

FLOWERS

The flowers were given to the Glory of God by Duane and Joanne Moon in loving memory of Duane's mom, Wanda Moon.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

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.

Thursday, August 24

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 27

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, September 3 - Communion

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

Monday, September 4

The church offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle
 7:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Night Circle

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Budget and Stewardship

Our 2023 budget was \$350,000

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

JULY 2023

	BUDGET Y-T-D	ACTUAL Y-T-D
Income	204,166.65	173,990.00
Expenses	204,166.65	202,174.96

As of July 31, 2023, our expenses exceed our income by \$28,184.96
 Also remember that your pledge to the church includes your time and talents, as well as, your treasures.



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 August we have collected **30 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

August 13, 2023

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

Cover Picture

The Prophet Amos came from Tekoa. It was located ten miles south of Jerusalem in a region below Sea Level. This picture comes from Jericho-a town even lower than Tekoa. This harsh climate prepared Amos for his work. Learn more about the man, his times, and our connection this Sunday.



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 *Improvisation on 'Llanfair'* Steven Scott

INTROIT 243 *Be Not Afraid* Jacques Berthier
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; 1 Peter 1:3*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By the great mercy of God we have been born anew to a living hope. Let us worship God!

*HYMN 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy 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 *Wade In the Water* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Lord, take Your Word and apply it to our minds that we not grow shallow, apply it to our hearts that we not grow cold, and apply it to our feet that we might not just be hearers of Your Word but doers also. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 19:7-10*

All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Amos 7:7-9, 14-15*

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Amos answered Amaziah, 'I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to My people Israel.'

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 62 *Love the Lord Your God*

SERMON *The Plumb Line* 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 *Deep River* arr. Terry Osman
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 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 743 *O God, You Are My God* David Strasser

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

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I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

*POSTLUDE *Lord, Speak to Me* arr. Lani Smith

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Robbie Robinson (*8:45*); Carol Graham (*11:00*)

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

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David Howard, and Elna Singleton (*11:00*)