

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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

### Sunday, September 10 - Guest Preacher, Rev. Ginger Conley

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

### Tuesday, September 12

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, September 13

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner  
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Classes (More info to come)  
7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting in Crossroads classroom

### Thursday, September 14

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, September 17

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
12:00 p.m. - Lemonade Social

### Tuesday, September 19

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

### Wednesday, September 20

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner  
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Classes (More info to come)

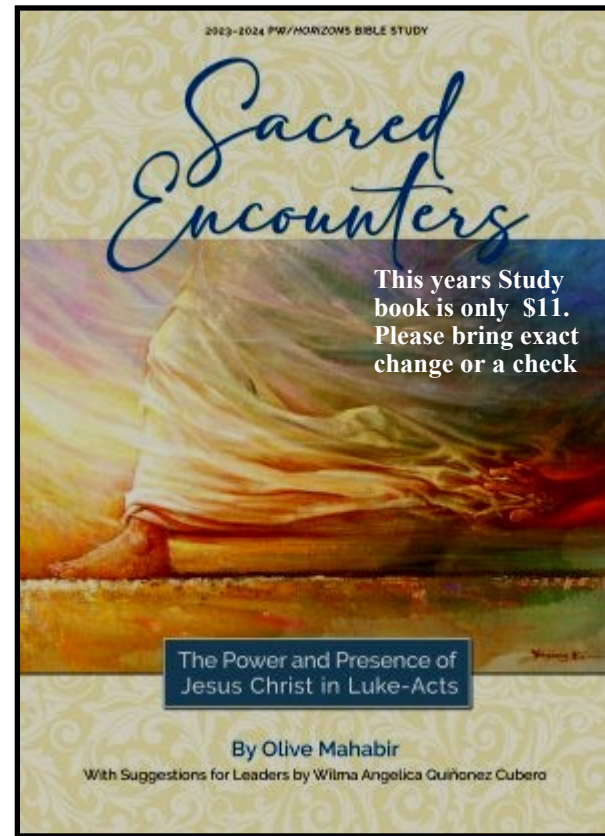
### Thursday, September 21

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, September 24

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

*The Presbyterian Women* will kick off this year's Bible Study on **Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30**. Each person will provide a salad to share for our annual Salad Supper. The Morning Circle will be the hostesses and will provide the desserts and drinks. Dr. Carol Stephenson will present an overview of the study, Sacred Encounters. All women are invited.



### 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 **65 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 20, 2023

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

### Cover Picture

"Keep it between the lines". You can see here "Latin Patriarchate Street" in the Christian Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem. I even saw two cars drive past one another on this street. If the driver "keeps it between the lines" then the driver can successfully navigate. Today we will hear some words from the prophet Zephaniah that encourages us to keep it between the lines.



*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 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Cindy Berry

INTROIT 243 *Be Not Afraid* Jacques Berthier  
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Romans 5:5; John 4:24*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### And also to you.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us. Those who worship God must worship God in spirit and in truth. Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient people. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, and we have rebelled against Your love. We have not loved our neighbors. We have refused to hear the cry of those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* arr. Gilbert M. Martin

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All Knowing, Gracious God, challenge our minds where they need to be challenged, encourage our wills where they need encouragement, comfort our hearts where they need comforting in Jesus' name, Amen.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*John 8:7-11*

When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again He bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before Him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Zephaniah 3:17, 2:3*

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will renew you in His love; He will exult over you with loud singing... Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the Lord's wrath.

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 66 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

SERMON *Postcards From the Edge:* Rev. Doughton  
*Keep It Between the Lines*

\*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 *Come, Peace of God* Franklin Ritter  
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 737 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

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

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 *A Spirit of Rejoicing* David Paxton

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Larry Thomas (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Taylor Hammer, Madison Villafana,  
Schlyler Marin, and Sheila Hammer

Please find an insert in your bulletin "**Suggestions for New Church Officers.**" Yes, it's that time of year again, to suggest who you think would serve our church well, as officers for the next three years. The deadline to nominate is today, Sunday, August 20, 2023. Please make sure the nominee knows of your suggestion and they are willing to serve.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Amanda Aynes	Susan K Farmer	Roger Foltz
Robert "Robbie" Robinson	Sheila J Hammer	Linda Fricke
Gracy Thomas	Stephen A Leake	John Kusewitt
Bennett Doughton (Youth)	Michael H Lee	Paul Luce
	D Renee Stormer	Gina Villafana

### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Taylor Hammer	Debra L Ford	John Futrell
Eric Schwartz	Nicolas A Scholl	Rodney Graham
Madison Villafana	David C Stormer	
Alberto Villafana (Youth)		

### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
George Venner	Phil L Johnson, Jr.	Herbert C. "Pete" Allen, Jr.