

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 10 - Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. 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
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting in Crossroads classroom

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
 6:30 p.m. - Youth/Parent Meeting

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
 7:15 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

Wednesday, September 27

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner
 6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Classes
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 1 - World Wide Communion (both services)

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 4:00 p.m. - All Church Picnic - Town Center Park in Sunnyvale
 5:00 p.m. - Dinner served 356 E Tripp Rd
 6:00 p.m. - Vesper Service

Saturday, October 7 - Addressing Mesquite Day

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 has been extended until today, Sunday, August 27, 2023. Please make sure the nominee knows of your suggestion and they are willing to serve. Below are the current officers. If they are Class of 2024 or 2025 they will remain in office for the next term.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SESSION


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

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

CLASS OF 2023 George Venner	CLASS OF 2024 Phil L Johnson, Jr.	CLASS OF 2025 Herbert C. “Pete” Allen, Jr.
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Wednesday Night Live RETURNS!

Last fall we reintroduced our midweek program. We returned to some GREAT meals prepared by Rod Graham. Pete Allen led a class on drawing. I gave a travelogue on my recent trip to the Holy Land.

This September 13 we will launch the Fall 2023 Edition of Wednesday Night Live. We will meet September 13, 20, and 27 for our first time. We will continue to meet in October and through November 15.

For September we will have THREE options. Clarence Greer will cover a series on goal setting from a Christian perspective and Biblical wisdom. Pete Allen will have his art class. It will continue through the fall. Also, for September 20 and 27 Elna Singleton will lead a Book Club. They will look at the book “The Stranger in the Lifeboat.”



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 **75 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 27, 2023

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

Cover Picture

This view of Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee looks very peaceful. We sailed the sea on a very pleasant day. However, there are days that winds can come sweeping from the west and pour down into this valley with great force. The disciples, many who were seasoned fishermen, faced such a storm with Jesus in the boat. He calmed the storm that day. The Prophet Habakkuk faced a political storm in his day. Yet, he found the strength to praise God. Today we will learn more about his story and what it means for us.



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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Barbara Boertji

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; Psalm 66:1-3*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to God glorious praise. Say to God, "How Awesome are Your deeds! All the earth worships You; they sing praises to Your name."

*HYMN 386 *Come, Worship God*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your lovingkindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. 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 #

BAPTISM *(11:00)* SCHYLER ASHTON MARIN

THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

DECLARATION OF THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY

DECLARATION OF THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY

Question: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Schyler Ashton by word and deed, with love and prayer?

Response: **We do.**

Question: Will you encourage him to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

Response: **We will.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME BY CONGREGATION

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

DAKOTA ALEXANDER MARIN

DECLARATION OF THE PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY

DECLARATION OF THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY

Question: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Dakota Alexander by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ?

Response: **We do.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Little child, for you Jesus Christ came into the world; for you He did battle, for you He suffered.

For you He went through the agony of Gethsemane and darkness of Calvary; for you He cried: 'It is fulfilled.'

For you He triumphed over death; and you, little child, know nothing about this.

But this is the statement of the Apostle confirmed:

'We love God, because God first loved us.' Amen.

(From the Reformed Church of France)

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ANTHEM *(11:00)* *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Donna Chancel Choir Gartman Schultz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing God, Your Word is sharper than a two-edged sword. As we hear it read and preached today may it pierce any walls that would keep us from hearing Your Word to us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Mark 4:35-41*

On that day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. Other boats were with Him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Habakkuk 3:17-19*

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 519 *(twice)* *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

SERMON *Postcards From the Edge:* Rev. Doughton
I Will Praise You in This Storm

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(8:45)* 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 *Joyful Hymn of Praise* Faye López
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 *You Are My All in All* arr. Mark Hayes

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Susan Farmer *(8:45)*; Gina Villafana *(11:00)*

Deacon/Ushers † - David Stormer, Renee Stormer, Michael Lee, and Robbie Lee *(8:45)*;

David Stormer, Renee Stormer, Mary Claire Doughton, and Bennett Doughton *(11:00)*