

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, November 19

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. - 98th Annual Men's Council Thanksgiving Dinner



### Wednesday - Friday, November 22 - 24

Church offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving

### Sunday, November 26

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. - Decorate the Church for Advent/Christmas



### Monday, November 27

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Wednesday, November 29

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, December 2

TBA - L.I.F.E. Youth - Progressive Dinner

### Sunday, December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent - **Hope**

Lord's Supper will be observed at both Worship Services

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal

### Monday, December 4

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, December 5

10:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle  
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

### Wednesday, December 6

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. - Joint Officers Meeting

### Sunday, December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - **Peace**

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Program  
6:00 p.m. - Cookies and Punch Reception to follow

### Monday, December 11

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Wednesday, December 13

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - **Love**

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
(Cantata & Jubilate Ringers)  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
TBA - L.I.F.E. Youth go Ice Skating

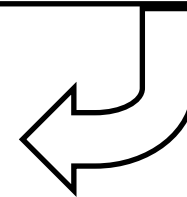
#### THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor  
Ryoji Shimpo, Organist  
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant  
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus



The 98th Annual Men's Council Thanksgiving Dinner Tickets are on sale today, Sunday, November 19, 2023, before and after each worship service at the Welcome Center.

Tickets are \$6.00 each with no family paying more than \$24.00



Next Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. we will decorate the church for Advent/Christmas and we need your help.

Beginning in January, during WNL, Pete Allen has offered to give instructions on painting with oils once again. Please let Pete know if you have an interest in taking this class.

hc.allen@sbcglobal.net or 214-675-3400



#### THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we 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 November we collected **98 items**. Thank You!

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

November 19, 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 *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Kein Boesiger

INTROIT 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* Joachim Neander

**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God Who answers prayer;  
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 34:1,22,3*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And also to you.**

We will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in our mouths. The Lord redeems the lives of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned. O magnify the Lord with me and let us worship His name together.

\*HYMN 336 *We Gather Together*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and Holy God, we come before You in heartfelt confession, acknowledging that we are a broken people, living in a broken world. This world is dark with the stain of sin. Your design for creation has been corrupted by the abuse of power, the appetite for things, and the enslavement of our wills. We allow evil to go unchallenged, and become passive and indifferent to Your call to engage the world with the Gospel. Forgive our sinfulness. Our sins of commission and omission have separated us from You, from others, and from the world You seek to redeem. 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 *We Gather Together* arr. Hal H. Hopson  
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing, Faithful, God Who directs the steps of those who listen, may Your Word today inspire us with purpose, may it challenge us to live with integrity, and may we discern Your leadership for our lives and this church in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Exodus 23:16*

You shall observe the festival of harvest, of the first fruits of your labour, of what you sow in the field. You shall observe the festival of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labour.

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Mark 6:30-44*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As He went ashore, He saw a great crowd; and He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. When it grew late, His disciples came to Him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' But He answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' And He said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then He ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before the people; and He divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

SERMON *Thanksgiving* 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 *Give Thanks, People of God* arr. Kevin Keil  
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 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 709 *God, We Honor You* James E. Clemens

**God, we honor You. God, we trust in You.  
God, we worship and adore You.  
Take what we bring, offered to You.  
Teach us to show Your abundant blessings.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, amen.**

POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* arr. Dan Forrest

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Ann Smith (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)  
Deacon/Ushers † - Rod Graham, Mike Lee, and Robbie Lee (8:45);  
Rod Graham, Bryan Sanders, Mary Claire Doughton,  
and Bennett Doughton (11:00)