

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN



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

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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

Sunday, December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent - **Joy**

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
6:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service - **Christ Candle**

THOSE WHO SERVE

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



DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA(S)

(Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 3)



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.

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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 **124 items**. **Thank You!**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

November 26, 2023

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

Christ the King: This image of Jesus comes from the second dome of The Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. This image presents "Christ Pantocrator." The most common translation is "Almighty" or "All-powerful". Another, more literal translation is "Ruler of All" or, less literally, "Sustainer of the World". This image shows Jesus as Creator, Savior, and Judge. He looks at us with compassion yet calls for a response. One hand is raised in blessing. The other holds a book of the Four Gospels, the good news of salvation for all who will receive Him.



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 *Come, Thou Almighty King* arr. Gerald Peterson

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 81:1-2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Raise a song, sound the tambourine, and the sweet lyre. Sing aloud to God our strength.

*HYMN 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, this morning we bring You our confession. We confess we have gone astray. Shepherd us, Lord. We confess we often love You half-heartedly. Make us whole, Lord. We confess we trivialize Your sacrifice. Give us perspective, Lord. We confess we find most of our strength in ourselves. Be our strength, Lord. We confess little zeal for Your glory. Give us passion, Lord. We confess we've done so many things wrong. Forgive us, Lord. We confess we often don't love You well. Love us, Lord. Hear our prayers, O Lord. We ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ, who exchanges our confession for abundant life in Him. 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 *Sing to the Lord A New Song* Shirley Porter
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious and Loving God, As we once again hear Your Word may it convict us of where we fall short, may it show us a better way to live, and may we have a vision of Your holiness in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #

John 1:29-31

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, "After me comes a Man Who ranks ahead of me because He was before me.' I myself did not know Him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that He might be revealed to Israel."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-2

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher Who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do apart from the presence of God."

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:5-7

So He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by His journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

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 260

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

SERMON

Kingdom

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

Shall We Gather at the River? arr. Edward Broughton
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 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*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

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. John Hatton

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sheila Hammer *(8:45)*; Sheryl Miller *(11:00)*

Deacon/Ushers † - Nick Scholl, John Futrell, and Larry Thomas *(8:45)*;
Nick Scholl, John Futrell, Linda Fricke, and Sharon Condarco *(11:00)*