

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, January 14

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

Monday, January 15

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 17

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Baked Potatoes with Chicken)
6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study led by Dr. Carol Stephenson (Psalms)
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Thursday, January 18

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 21

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

Monday, January 22

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 24

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Salisbury Steak)
6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study led by Dr. Carol Stephenson (Psalms)
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Christian Education Committee in Crossroads classroom

Sunday, January 28

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
6:00 p.m. - Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting

Monday, January 29

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 30

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in Crossroads classroom

Wednesday, January 31

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Creamy Chicken Pasta w/ Bacon)
6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study led by Dr. Carol Stephenson (Psalms)
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 4 - Scout Sunday

The Lord's Supper will be observed at both services

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

Monday, February 5

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 6

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

Wednesday, February 7

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Spaghetti & Meatballs)
6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study led by Dr. Carol Stephenson (Psalms)
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons



* Wednesday Night Live *

Join us for Winter 2024

Come experience the new format of our Wednesday Night Live. Don't miss out on an always delicious dinner prepared by Chef Rod beginning at 5:45 p.m. All adult classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

Session 1 - January 17 through February 7

Adult Classes: Bible Study on the book of Psalms led by Dr. Carol Stephenson or Oil Painting with Pete Allen.

February 14 - Dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by Worship Service - Ash Wednesday.

Session 2 - February 21 through March 20

Adult Classes: A Lenten Bible Study led by Rev. Doughton, or Oil Painting with Pete Allen.

Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting



Sunday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m.
Please bring a covered dish to share.
We suggest a Meat, Side Dish, Salad, or Dessert.

If you chair a committee, please send your annual report for 2023 to Renee by Monday, January 15.

2023 Year End Contribution Reports

Please find the end of the year contribution reports in the Welcome Center. We are so grateful for each of you and for the generous support you have shown the church.



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. The total collected in January thus far is **31 items. Thank You!**

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ryoji Shimpo, Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

January 14, 2024

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

About the Cover Picture

These stairs will lead a person to the top of a fortress at Sephora in Galilee. This is three miles from Nazareth. If one stays on this path one will reach the destination. Today we will learn more about the right path as we look at Proverbs.



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 *Immortal, Invisible* arr. David Paxton

INTROIT 452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloche

**Open the Eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You; I want to see You;
to see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 84:1, 5, 12*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! Happy are those whose strength are in You, For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.

*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Good, and Merciful God, in Your Presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your Ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 *Torches* John Joubert
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty and All Knowing God, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as Your Word is read and proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Luke 6:46-49*

‘Why do you call me “Lord, Lord”, and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground *without a* foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.’

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SERMON *Life Lessons: Resolutions* 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 *Open My Eyes that I May See*
arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
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 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 546 *Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (vs. 1)*
arr. Geoffrey Thring

**Lord dismiss us with Your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
les us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

POSTLUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Maureen Howell
Following the Response we will have our Postlude. Please be seated as the Postlude begins. You are encouraged to use all of the Postlude as part of the worship service. If you wish to pause and then leave during the music, please do so in a worshipful way. Rev. Doughton will be at the door to shake hands.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Diane Beal (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Eric Schwartz, Susan Farmer and Kirk Dixon(8:45);
Eric Schwartz, Mary Lee Doughton, Renee Stormer,
and Elna Singleton (11:00)

Youth Readers ♦ Mackenzie “Mac” Davila (11:00)



The Presbyterian Women are collecting gift cards for women who are escaping “Trafficking.” An organization, *New Friends, New Life*, assist them with counseling and financial help. Thru them the gift cards can be distributed. Please purchase them redeemable to Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon and/or Dollar Store.

There will be a basket for them in the Welcome Center. The amount should not exceed \$25. Please write the amount on the back of the card.

Today is the last day to contribute, Sunday, January 14, 2024.