

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. - Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting

### Monday, January 29

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### 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

### Saturday, February 3

- 5:30 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Progressive Dinner

### 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. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal

### 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)
- 6:30 p.m. - Youth & Children (First Wednesday's)**
- 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons

### Thursday, February 8

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

### Sunday, February 11 - Souper Bowl of Caring

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Supper Bowl Party hosted by the Doughtons

### Monday, February 12

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Wednesday, February 14

- 5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Soup and Sandwiches)
- 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting in the Crossroads classroom



## \* 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

### 2023 Annual Report A Year in Review



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

**Elder Sign-up Sheet has been posted in the hall by Rev. Doughton's Office. Please sign-up today!**

### 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 **92 items. Thank You!**

## THOSE WHO SERVE

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

# GUIDE TO WORSHIP

January 28, 2024

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

## About the Cover Picture

This camel resides near Jericho on the west side of the Jordan River. To the south and east one could find the Land of Uz, the home of Job, according to some speculations. Job went from 3,000 camels to 6,000 camels. To hear more of the story-we have our sermon.



*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 *Quiet Time* Scott Oyer

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.**

**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 18:1-3*

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And also to you.**

We love You, Lord, our strength. The Lord is our fortress, and our deliver, our God, our rock in Whom we take refuge, our shield, our stronghold, and the horn of our salvation. Let us call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised.

\*HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal, Almighty, and Merciful God; our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by those in need. O God, in Your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through 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 #

MOMENT FOR MISSION L.I.F.E. Youth

ANTHEM *(11:00)* *Hope Is Born* arr. Lee Dengler  
Chancel Choir

God, in humility, enters humanity,  
Into a world that is broken and torn.

Shepherds are stirring. Angels are singing.  
Love has come down and Hope is born.

*Refrain:* Hope is born this night, this silent, holy night.

The hopes and fears of all the years  
We meet in Him tonight.

Hope is born this night, this silent, Holy night.

*(continued)*

*Heard in a baby's cry, heard in a mother's sigh,  
Hope will resound in all nations tonight.  
Hope in our sorrow, Hope for tomorrow.  
Love has come down and Hope is born.  
Refrain*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious God, Your grace is sufficient-and we pray for Your grace to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds as Your Word is read and preached today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Romans 11:33-36*

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and how inscrutable His ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to Him, to receive a gift in return?' For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory for ever. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Job 1:12; 42:10, 12a, 17*

The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against him!' So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord. And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. And Job died, old and full of days.

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 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

SERMON *Life Lessons: Life Gone Sideways* 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 696 *O God, You Are My God Alone*

\*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;  
let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. John Purifoy

*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 # - Sheila Hammer *(8:45)*; Paul Luce *(11:00)*  
Deacon/Ushers † - Gina Villafana, Rafael Villafana,  
and David Howard *(8:45)*;  
Gina Villafana, Rafael Villafana,  
David Howard, and Elna Singleton *(11:00)*