

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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
- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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)**
- 7:30 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

Thursday, February 15

- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 18

- 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 19

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

Wednesday, February 21

- 5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Spaghetti & Meatballs)
- 6:30 p.m. - A Lenten Bible Study led by Rev. Doughton
- 6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
- 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 25

- 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



On Sunday, February 11 the L.I.F.E. Youth will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations. All Contributions will be given to Sharing Life.

Won't you help us Tackle Hunger and score a goal in our area for those in need in 2024.



*** 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.

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 was **125 items**. Thank You!

THOSE WHO SERVE

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

February 4, 2024

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

About the Cover Picture

This building houses some financial enterprises along the northern coast of the Sea of Galilee. This seemed the most appropriate as we speak about "treasure" today.



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 *How Great Thou Art!* arr. Fred Bock

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 149:1-4*

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

And also to you.

Praise the Lord, Sing to the Lord a new song, Let the children rejoice in their King, Let them praise Him by making melody, for the Lord takes pleasure in His people.

*HYMN 625 *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You loved us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of Grace, help us to recognize and admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness: through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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)* *Teach Me, O Lord* Douglas Nolan
Chancel Choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way I should go.
Let me walk the path that You prepared for me.
O come take my hand, I'm at Your command.
Lord, teach me today. Teach me, O Lord, I pray.

Show me, O Lord, the way I should go.
I will follow in Your footsteps as You lead.
Though the road may be long, I'm never alone.

Lord teach me today, teach me, O Lord, I pray.
Come teach me, Lord. Your ways are sure and Your word is true.
Your law is my delight.

(continued)

You are my guide and friend.

Your love will never end.

You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. You are Life!

Lead me, O Lord; I give you my life.

I will serve You, Lord, with gladness all my days.

Lord, use me, I pray. Lead me, O Lord, and have Thine own way.

O lead me, Lord. Show me, O Lord. Teach me, O Lord, I pray.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Lord, take Your Word and apply it to our minds that we not grow shallow, apply it to our hearts that we not grow cold, and apply it to our feet that we might not just be hearers of Your Word but doers also. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # ¶ *Matthew 6:19-21*

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # ¶ *Ecclesiastes 5:8-17*

If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and right, do not be amazed at the matter; for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. But all things considered, this is an advantage for a land: a king for a ploughed field. The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity. When goods increase, those who eat them increase; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of labourers, whether they eat little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let them sleep. There is a grievous ill that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owners to their hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture; though they are parents of children, they have nothing in their hands. As they came from their mother's womb, so they shall go again, naked as they came; they shall take nothing for their toil, which they may carry away with their hands. This also is a grievous ill: just as they came, so shall they go; and what gain do they have from toiling for the wind? Besides, all their days they eat in darkness, in much vexation and sickness and resentment.

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 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

SERMON *Life Lessons: Money, Money, Money* Rev. Doughton

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Rock of Ages* arr. John Turner
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 †

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The 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.**

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*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 *Teach Me, O Lord* Douglas Nolan

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 # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); William Richardson (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Taylor Hammer, Madison Villafana,
Schylar Marin, and Sheila Hammer

Scout Reader ¶ - Diego Washington (11:00)