

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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 (Biscuit Chicken Pot Pie)
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
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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
6:00 p.m. - Mission Themed Potluck Dinner

Monday, February 26

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 28

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Chili)
6:30 p.m. - A Lenten Bible Study led by Rev. Doughton
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 3

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, March 4

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (French Bread Pizza)
6:30 p.m. - A Lenten Bible Study led by Rev. Doughton
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
6:30 p.m. - Children and Youth First Wednesday (Fun & Games)
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting in the Crossroads classroom

Saturday, March 9 through Friday, March 15

Rev. Doughton and Family will be away for Spring Break

Sunday, March 10 - Guest Preacher

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, March 11

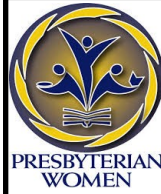
7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 13

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Burgers)
6:30 p.m. - A Bible Study led by Dr. Carol Stephenson
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 17 - Blood Drive

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



Our next mission is to gather tissues and hand sanitizer for our neighbor, Florence Black Elementary. With all the viruses going around this year, we decided to take the battle to where it begins. If you are interested in contributing to our mission, you may place your items in the tub in the front hallway near the Welcome Center. We will be collecting them through the end of February.

Thank you for helping us support the people who need it most in our own community. You have been a blessing to many.



* *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.

February 21 through March 20

Adult Classes:

>A Lenten Bible Study led by Rev. Doughton. For those who wish to prepare for the WNL Study on February 21, please review the following scriptures: Job 3:1-26; Psalm 22; Matthew 15:33-29; Mark 7:45-50

> Oil Painting with Pete Allen.

Spring Session, April 3 - April 17

The Christian Education Committee is developing a series of special event classes for the Third Term. Each Wednesday will bring a special treat. Stay tuned for updates in the weeks ahead.

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 thus far in February is **140 items; 55 on the first Sunday and 85 for the Souper Bowl of Caring. 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

February 18, 2024

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

About the Cover Picture

This view comes from the outskirts of Jericho. We were looking up to the hills. One top one can see the remains of one of Herod's fort/castles. One can also see a modern day monastery. This is a rough and forbidding landscape. Our story today is set along a road in just such a setting.



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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* arr. John Innes

INTROIT 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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2;*(Adapted from Joel 12:12-14)
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord Your God, for the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Come, Let us Worship the Lord.

*HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us Your word, both in scripture and in Son, You have promised us Your presence, and You have graced us with Your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject Your purposes for us. We do not love what You love. We do not embrace what You embrace. We do not defend what You have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with Your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we may live fully for Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. 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 *(11:00) We are Trav'lers on a Journey* Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

We are trav'ler's on a journey, Fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you In the nighttime of your fear,
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.
Sister, let me be as Christ to you; Pray for grace to be my servant,
Brother, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.
I will weep when you weep, When you laugh, I will laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
Till we've seen this journey through
(continued)

When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've know together of Christ's love and agony,
Of Christ's love and agony, Of Christ's love and agony.
We are trav'lers on a journey, Fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all Wisdom and Glory, open us to the work of the Holy Spirit that we may hear Your Word with understanding, grace, and wisdom in this Season of Lent, in Jesus' name, amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 9:51*

When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 10:29-37*

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

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 835 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

SERMON *On the Road with Luke, Riff-Raff* Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. Ron Boud
Ryoji Shimpō, 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 187 *Savior, like a Shepherd, Lead Us*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 227 *Jesus, Remember Me (sung twice)* Jacques Berthier
**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

POSTLUDE Robert W. Thygerson

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 # - Dr. Carol Stephenson *(8:45)*; Roger Foltz *(11:00)*

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

Budget and Stewardship

Our 2024 budget is \$341,750

Your contributions to the church are so important. Please don't forget your pledge.

JANUARY 2024

	BUDGET Y-T-D	ACTUAL Y-T-D
Income	28,482.65	19,067.00
Expenses	28,482.65	28,578.16

As of JANUARY 31, 2024, our expenses exceed our income by \$9,511.16. Also remember that your pledge to the church includes your time and talents, as well as, your treasures.