

Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Cindy and Gerald Jenkins, in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, March 3 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, 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, Jim Witherow

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
12:00 p.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal



Monday, March 18

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 19

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meeting in Crossroads class

Wednesday, March 20

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Honey Butter Chicken)
6:30 p.m. - A Bible Study led by Rev. Doughton
6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting in the Crossroads classroom

Sunday, March 17, 2024 is our next Blood Drive.

Please use the link below to sign-up.

This drive will have 30 slots for donors, our goal is to have at least 20 or more successful donors.

The need for donors right now is important, and our drive will help the community.

Let's be mission-minded and save lives through a donation of our blood.

Here is the link: <https://ww2.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/150886>



The 72nd Annual Men's Conference at Mo-Ranch Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 5, 2024

This conference is sure to be a God-filled weekend in the wide-open spaces of the Texas Hill Country along the banks of the Guadalupe River at Mo-Ranch. This is Mo-Ranch's single largest and longest-running conference where hundreds of men from all ages gather together annually for fellowship and spiritual renewal.

Our men stay in the River Dorm on the edge of the Guadalupe River. Don't miss this unforgettable weekend to grow in your faith with God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please find more information and registration at: MORanch.org



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

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 we will be collecting the items through the end of March.

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. This week he will discuss the following scriptures: Job 23:1-17; Psalm 139:1-18; Ecclesiastes 8:16-17; John 11:17-27

- Oil Painting with Pete Allen.

Spring Session, April 3 - April 17

- Sue Bohmer will lead a two session (4/3 and 4/10) class titled: Music And Your Brain, along with reviewing hymns they will also create rhythm instruments.
- Gracy Thomas will lead a class (4/17) learning to make salsa and exploring Bible trivia.



Feeding the
Community

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 February is **224 items; 85 for the Souper Bowl of Caring and 139 throughout the month. Thank You!**

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Christian Education committee could use your help!

We need candy stuffed Easter Eggs, individually wrapped cookies or snacks, and juice drinks for our Egg Hunt.

Also, we would love your help on **Saturday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** This is a large part of our outreach during Holy Season, please help us greet the community. We have such a wonderful and welcoming church family.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

March 3, 2024

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

About the Cover Picture

Once again we have a view of a financial institution in Israel. It is located in Galilee-not that far from Capernaum. Though the NRSV uses the word "pounds:", I grew up hearing the word "talents". Today let us see what Jesus has to say about these treasures.



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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Eric Daub

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 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*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) *Come to the Table* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

Come to the table and Bring your joy,
bring your gladness and Come to the table.

Eat the bread, drink the wine, Come rejoice in the Lord.

Bring all your sorrow, bring all your pain,
Bring all the heartaches you bear.

Bring who you are and hope to become, Come to the table to share.

Come to the table, Remember Christ,
remember his love when you Come to the table.

Come in faith, come to serve, Come rejoice in the Lord.

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Share in the bread, share in the wine,
Share in the Risen Lord.

Share as a family, one in community, One in the Name of the Lord.

Come to the table to follow Christ Forgiven and free,
you must Come to the table.

Come in faith, come in love, Come, rejoice in the Lord.

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 19:11-13, 15-20*

While they were listening to this, He went on to tell them a parable, because He was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it." "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' "Well done, my good servant!" his master replied. "Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities." "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.' "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth."

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 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

SERMON *Judah, You've got Talent* Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 518 *Your Only Son*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Softly and Tenderly* arr. Michael Cox
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 361 *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

*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 *Lamb of God* arr. Joel Raney

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 # - George Venner (8:45); Margaret "Meg" GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - David Stormer, Debra Ford, and Renee Stormer (8:45);

David Stormer, Debra Ford,

Renee Stormer and Paul Luce (11:00)

2024 Holy Week

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 28: Maundy Thursday

March 29: Good Friday

March 31: Easter Sunday

