

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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

### Saturday, March 23

12:00 p.m. - Set up for Easter Event and Egg Hunt  
 1:00 p.m. - Easter Event and Egg Hunt  
 3:00 p.m. - Clean up after Easter Event and Egg Hunt

### Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

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

### Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Worship Service with Communion in Wilbanks Hall

### Friday, March 29, Good Friday

7:00 p.m. - Worship Service

### Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

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



Presbyterian Women  
 are joining  
 The Ladies Who Love  
 the Lord  
 in collecting  
 new towels or towel sets.



They will be given to different Missions in the Dallas area. Collections will continue through Mid April.



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](http://MORanch.org)

### 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.



**\* Wednesday Night Live \***  
 Join us for Winter/Spring 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.

### March 20

Adult Classes:

- A Lenten Bible Study led by Rev. Doughton. This week he will discuss the following scriptures: Job 38:1-11, 40:3-5, 42:1-6; Ecclesiastes 9:7-10; Mark 13:32-37

- 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.



### 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 March is **68 items. Thank You!**

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

March 17, 2024

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

### About the Cover Picture

This fresco of the Father and the Wayward Son is not in the Holy Land. One can find it in Montreat, North Carolina (also known as Presbyterian Mecca) at the Chapel of the Prodigal.



*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 *The Bells of St. Mary's* A. Emmett Adams

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 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

\*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 #

MOMENT FOR MISSION MO-RANCH  
Eric Schwartz

ANTHEM *(11:00)* *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you,  
Deep peace of Christ to you.

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 16:1-13*

Jesus told His disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg—I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

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 692 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

SERMON *Is Dishonesty the Best Policy?* Rev. Doughton

\*HYMN 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

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 *St. Patrick's Day*  
Tune from Playford's *Dancing Master*  
Ryoji Shimpo, Pianist

\*HYMN 800 *Sometimes a Light Surprises*

\*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 *Danny Boy* Traditional Irish  
"Londonderry Air"

*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 # - Sue Bohmer *(8:45)*; Eric Schwartz *(11:00)*

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