

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, April 7

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, April 8

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 10

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Cici's Pizza, Salad, and Ice Cream Sundaes)
 6:30 p.m. - *Music and Your Brain* class led by Sue Bohmer
 6:30 p.m. - Youth Sunday Rehearsal
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting, Crossroads classroom

Saturday, April 13

9:00 a.m. - All Church Spring Workday
 (Please help spruce up the church)



Sunday, April 14

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, April 15

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Meeting, Crossroads classroom

Wednesday, April 17

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Rotisserie Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Roasted Vegetables, Salad, & Banana Pudding)
 6:30 p.m. - *How to Make Salsa* class led by Gracy Thomas
 6:30 p.m. - Youth Sunday Rehearsal
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 21

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 Spaghetti Luncheon and Dessert Auction

Monday, April 22

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24

6:30 p.m. - Youth Sunday Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 28 - Youth Sunday

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

Monday, April 29 - Sunday, May 5

Rev. Doughton is away for Continuing Education

Monday, April 29

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 1

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 5 - Guest Preacher - Lisa Wraith

The Lord's Supper will be observed at both services
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service w/ Jubilate Ringers
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting, Crossroads classroom

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



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

LADIES WHO LOVE THE LORD

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.



*** Wednesday Night Live ***
 Join us for Spring 2024

Only two more Wednesday's left. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. All adult classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

Spring Session, April 10 & 17

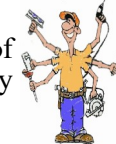
- Sue Bohmer will lead one more session on April 10th. The class is titled: *Music and Your Brain*, along with reviewing hymns they will also create rhythm instruments.
- Gracy Thomas will lead a class (4/17) learning to make salsa and exploring Bible trivia.

All Church Workday, Saturday, April 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Property Committee will be heading up an "all church workday" at our church on Saturday, April 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Please sign-up and mark your calendar to come and help. The more workers we have the less time this will take and the greater the outcome will be.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a couple of hours out of your Saturday to clean up around the church. The Property Committee.



Mother's Day Pancake Brunch



in honor of all mothers!



Sunday May 12, 9:45 Willisbanks Hall

Presented by the Men's Council

Please RSVP!



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 March was **164 items**. Thank You!

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

April 7, 2024

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

About the Cover Picture

"One road ends-Another one Begins". During Lent we took the Road to Jerusalem with Luke. For the next three weeks we will follow Paul on a "Road to Rome". He will inspire the Christians in Rome as he encourages them to pursue the upward call of Christ. This Roman Road comes from Sepphoris-a Gentile town just three miles from Nazareth. One can see the ruts made by the chariots and wagons over the years.



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 *Immortal, Invisible* arr. David Paxton

INTROIT 458 *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet* William Gambrell

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.

Please be near me to the end.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; 1 Peter 1:3*

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

And also to you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By the great mercy of God we have been born anew to a living hope. Let us worship God!

*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. 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 #

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing God, Your Word is sharper than a two-edged sword. As we hear it read and preached today may it pierce any walls that would keep us from hearing Your Word to us. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Romans 6:12-14*

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Romans 6:15, 23*

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

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 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

SERMON *Wages* 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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Franklin Ritter
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 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 826 *Lift High the Cross (vs. 2)* Sydney Hugo Nicholson

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

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the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

POSTLUDE *God that Made the Earth and Heaven* arr. Todd Kendall

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 # - Robbie Robinson (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Bryan Sanders, Sharon Condarco,
Kirk Dixon, and Susan Farmer (8:45);

Bryan Sanders, Sharon Condarco, MacKenzie Aynes,
and Mary Lee Doughton (11:00)