

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast - William Richardson is the Speaker
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, April 29 - Monday, May 6

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 - Rev. 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

Tuesday, May 7

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle
 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women
 7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting, Crossroads classroom

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting, Crossroads classroom

Sunday, May 12

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service w/ Jubilate Ringers
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 9:45 a.m. - Mother's Day Pancake hosted by the Men's Council

Tuesday, May 14

7:00 p.m. - Project Regeneration

Wednesday, May 15

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

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Please join us next Sunday, April 21, immediately following the 11:00 worship service, for a Spaghetti Luncheon. The Luncheon will be hosted by the Youth who will be attending the Youth Mission Trip in July. Rod Graham will be overseeing the event from the kitchen. The suggested donation is \$8 per plate (pay at the door). In addition, there will be a hybrid auction. This auction will be silent and will go live at the end of the meal. Featured in this auction will be homemade desserts and the labor of our Youth. We hope you will be able to join us!



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 thus far in April is 19 items. Thank You!

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

April 14, 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. I am standing beside the road on what was once a covered walkway.



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 *This Is My Father's World* arr. Richard A Williamson

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; Romans 5:5; John 4:24*

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

And also to you.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us. Those who worship God must worship God in spirit and in truth. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your lovingkindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. 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 (*8:45*) Easter Joy Gordon Young
Chancel Choir

Christ is risen from the dead, sing alleluia, sing alleluia!

He is risen as he said, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, jubilo!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. As Your Word is read and preached may it guide us in the right path, may it direct our steps, and may it lead us to our hearts true desire in Jesus Name. 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 7:7, 12*

What then are we to say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

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 735 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

SERMON *The Law* Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 440 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

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 *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Janet Vogt
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 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

*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.

Lift high the cross,

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

POSTLUDE *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Larry Shackley

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 # - Brian Neece (*8:45*); Sheryl Miller (*11:00*)

Deacon/Ushers † - David Stormer, Larry Thomas,
and Renee Stormer (*8:45*);

David Stormer, Paul Luce, Dallas Ward, and Renee Stormer (*11:00*)

Youth Reader ♦ - Campbell Futrell (*8:45*); Julia Mauldin (*11:00*)