

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, April 21

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

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

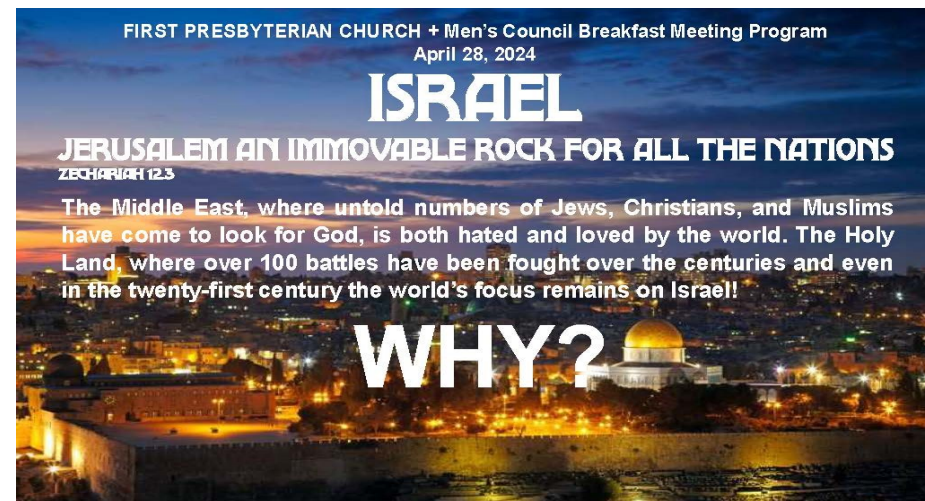


Tuesday, May 14

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!

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Please join us today, 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 dessert auction. This auction will be silent and will go live at the end of the meal. Featured in this auction will be homemade desserts. We hope you will be able to join us!



Mother's Day Pancake Brunch



in honor of all mothers!



Sunday May 12, 9:45 Willbanks Hall

Presented by the Men's Council

Please RSVP!



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 thus far in April is **38 items. Thank You!**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

April 21, 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 "Sidewalk" comes from Sepphoris-a Gentile town just three miles from Nazareth. Along these covered sidewalks Jesus may have walked as a carpenter on the job.



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 *Alleluia* arr. Terry Osman

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; Psalm 96:1-2

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

And also to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

*HYMN 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have done those things that which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O Merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

L.I.F.E. Youth

ANTHEM (*11:00*)

Christ is Now Arisen

arr. K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

Now the song is begun, For the battle is done, And the victory won:

Now the foe is scattered: Death's dark prison shattered:

Sing of joy, joy, joy; And today Raise the lay,
Christ is now arisen!

They that followed in pain Shall Now follow to Reign,

And the crown shall obtain; They were sore assaulted,

They shall be exalted:

Sing of joy, joy, joy; Earth and skies Bid it rise,

Christ is now arisen!

(continued)

For the foe nevermore Can approach to that shore,

When the conflict is o'er; There is joy supernal;

There is peace eternal;

Sing of life, life, life; Earth and skies Bid it rise,

Christ is now arisen!

Then be brave, Then be true, Ye despised and ye few,

For the crown is for you: Christ, who went before you,

Spreads His buckler o'er you.

Sing of strength, strength, strength; Earth and skies Bid it rise,

Christ is now arisen!

Lo, the victory is won, And the foe is scattered,

Death's dark prison shattered!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

Earth and skies Bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Come today Raise the lay,

Christ is now arisen!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, Your Word makes wise the simple-open us to Your message today as we hear Your Word read and preached 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 7:24-25

Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin.

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 407

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

SERMON

The Conflict

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

With Joyful Hearts

Faye López

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 681

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

*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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POSTLUDE

The Strife Is O'er

arr. Lani Smith

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*); Elna Singleton (*11:00*)

Deacon/Ushers † - Gina Villafana, Rafael Villafana,
Nick Scholl, and David Howard