

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Monday, April 29 - Monday, May 6

Rev. Doughton is away for Continuing Education

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 Evening Circle

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
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
9:45 a.m. - Mother's Day Pancake Brunch (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

Saturday, May 18

7:00 a.m. - Set up for Garage Sale
8:00 a.m. - Garage Sale
3:00 p.m. - Clean up Garage Sale

Sunday, May 19 Senior Sunday

8:45 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Senior Recognition)
12:00 p.m. - Senior Luncheon in honor of Bennett Doughton

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

7:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 26 - Patriotic Sunday; Special Memorial Day Service

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

Reverend Lisa Wraith brings a rich background of compassionate service and spiritual leadership to her role as the Regional Ministry Associate for the North Region of Grace Presbytery. With her prior experience as a Staff Chaplain at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano, Lisa has a profound understanding of the emotional and spiritual support needed in high-stress environments. During her eight years as a chaplain, she dedicated herself to nurturing the well-being of hospital staff, fostering an environment of care and resilience.

In her current position, which she embarked upon on January 22, Lisa continues to extend her pastoral care expertise to support the spiritual and emotional needs of church leaders within the north region of the presbytery. Her approach is rooted in creating meaningful connections through worship, fellowship, and attentive listening to both the joys and concerns expressed by her colleagues and congregants.

Lisa's personal life is deeply intertwined with her professional pursuits of fostering growth and nurturing life. At home, she enjoys a vibrant family life with her husband, Jon, and their two children. Her passion for gardening further reflects her nurturing character, with her role as a Master Gardener leading the Kitchen Garden at Heritage Farmstead in Plano. This hobby not only allows her to engage with nature but also serves as a therapeutic outlet and a source of joy and beauty, enriching her life and, by extension, the lives of those she serves in her ministry.

**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!

**SPRING CHURCH GARAGE SALE
IT'S SPRING CLEANING TIME!!
OUR GARAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

You've got stuff ... More than you need ... or have room for. So, clean out those closets and we'll help you get rid of that excess stuff. Remember, your stuff could become someone's treasure at the garage sale ... did we mention May 18?

Mark your calendar and plan to be here and help us.
THIS IS HOW WE FINANCE SOME OF OUR BENEVOLENCES.

We need volunteers to help prepare for the sale on Thursday and Friday, May 16 & 17. We will begin set-up at 7 am on Saturday, May 18. We need help during the sale, and help to clean up at 3 pm. A SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE WELCOME CENTER!

The Doughton Family & Christian Education Committee would like to invite you to a Graduation Party honoring



BENNETT DOUGHTON

Sunday, May 19th 2024

First Presbyterian Church of Mesquite | 11:00 Senior Recognition Service
1028 S Belt Line Rd Mesquite, 75149 | 12:00 - 2:00 Lunch & Celebration

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

May 5, 2024

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

About the Cover Picture

One can find this Communion Table at a worship space in Jerusalem. It is located at the other traditional site of Golgotha. Whether one is in Jerusalem or Mesquite, The Lord's Table exists.



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 Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want arr. Lloyd Larson

INTROIT 726 (vs. 1) *Will You Come and Follow Me* arr. John L Bell

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let My love be shown; will you let My name be known;

will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 1:2

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

And also to you.

The Lord is the giver of all good things. The Lord has given hope to the world. The Lord gives us faith so we may stand. The Lord guides us and works to conform us to the image of Jesus Christ. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Might, Mercy, and Compassion; in Jesus Christ we behold Your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Focused on ourselves, we fail to see Your work in the world. We speak when we should listen, we act when we should reflect. Give us strength to live in Your light and to walk in Your ways, for the sake of Him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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) *Lord, Here Am I* John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;

Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.

Teach me the mission appointed for me,

What is my labor and where it shall be.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,

"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;

Willing to suffer reproaches and loss;

Willing to follow if Thou will but lead;

Only support me with grace in my need.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,

"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Living or dying, I still would be Thine.

Yet I am mortal while Thou Art divine.

Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;

Pity, and bring me again to the light.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,

"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious and All-Knowing God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, feet to act as we hear Your word read and preached in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 98:1

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. His right hand and His holy arm have gotten Him victory.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. I have said these things to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. You did not choose Me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in My name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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.

ANTHEM All Glory, Laud, and Honor arr. Kevin McChesney
Jubilate Ringers

SERMON *Love* Reverend Lisa Wraith

*HYMN 801 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY The Baby Jesus, Fast Asleep arr. Jim Tidwell
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 737 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 748 *Go with us, Lord* Thomas Tallas

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through

this and every coming day,

that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

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 # - Evelyn Parker (8:45); Margaret "Meg" GarverHamilton (11:00);
Ushers † - Beverlee Witty, Michael Lee, and Robbie Lee (8:45);
Dallas Ward, Bennett Doughton, and Mary Claire Doughton (11:00)

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor

Ryoji Shimpo, Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist

Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus