

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, June 23 - VBS Kick Off

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast  
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
 5:30 p.m. - VBS Pot luck dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - VBS Classes for all ages

### Monday, June 24

8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - VBS Morning Mission - Meet at Sharing Life  
 5:45 p.m. - VBS Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - VBS Classes for all ages

### Tuesday, June 25

5:45 p.m. - VBS Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - VBS Classes for all ages

### Wednesday, June 26

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - VBS Morning Mission - Church Cleanup  
 5:45 p.m. - VBS Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - VBS Classes for all ages

### Thursday, June 27

5:45 p.m. - VBS Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - VBS Classes for all ages

### Sunday, June 30

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

### Tuesday, July 2

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women will meet at Joe's Pizza and Pasta  
 308 S. Belt Line Rd., Mesquite, TX - just down the road

### Wednesday, July 3

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, July 4 & Friday, July 5

**Church Office Closed**

### Sunday, July 7 - Guest Preacher - Rev. Josh Maddin

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

### Saturday, July 6 - Friday, July 12

Youth Mission Trip to Bayou La Batre, AL

### Wednesday, July 10

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, July 14

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

### Monday, July 15

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



### Adult Classes

Sunday, June 23, 2024 - Led by William Richardson

Harry Truman and the Nation Born in a Day – No one ever expected Harry Truman to rise to the office of Vice President of the United States much less President. In fact, as a little-known senator from Missouri Harry Truman's nomination as VP was not much more than an afterthought by FDR's administration to rid the President of his VP, Henry Wallace, whose communist sympathies were becoming a political liability. Then 82-days after the inauguration, President Roosevelt dies unexpectedly, and Harry S. Truman becomes President during the most trying time of WWII and the Zionist movement in the world.

The FDR Administration had been clear that the creation of a Jewish state in the Holy Land might be a liability based on the Arab nations' control of oil reserves in the Middle East and their possible alliance with the Stalinist USSR. Harry Truman certainly understood these issues, but as a believer and avid Bible reader, he knew that God works His will in the world despite mankind's desires and threats. So, 11-minutes after the Declaration of Independence by the new Jewish Nation - who to everyone's surprise had chosen the name, 'Israel' over 'Zion' - Harry Truman directed his administration to recognize this new nation despite the official objections of the US Department of Defense and State Department.

The story of the modern nation of Israel is one of miracle after miracle performed by God to fulfill His will for the Hebrew people and for the redemption of His creation as prophesied in the Old and New Testaments.

Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog told President Truman during their May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1949, meeting, "God put you in your mother's womb so that you could be the instrument to bring about the rebirth of Israel after two thousand years." The President tearing up, could not reply.

Monday, June 24, 2024 - Safety Team Field Trip Around the Church - Led by John Kusewitt

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 - The Holy Spirit  
 - Led by Dr. Carol Stephenson

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 - MO-Ranch Devotionals  
 - Led by Paul Snyder

Thursday, June 27, 2024 - Theology, Architecture, and The Holy Land - Led by Rev. Doughton

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

June 23, 2024

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

### Cover Picture

This sign marks the entrance to a restaurant outside of Bethlehem. In this region a typical shepherds field is preserved. It gives us a picture of the shepherds field referenced in Luke's Gospel. Today we will return to the biblical image of the Shepherd and what it means for us.



*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!*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### 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 June is **118 items. Thank You!**

### 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

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Summertime* George Gershwin

INTROIT 613 O Lord, Our Lord Michael W. Smith  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, we praise Your name.  
O Lord, we magnify Your name: Prince of Peace,  
mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*  
Grace and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**And also to you.**

All praise to You, God our Father Who loves us with an everlasting love, All praise to You, Jesus Christ-Who gives us grace without end, All praise to You, Holy Spirit Who brings us together as a fellowship family of faith; All Praise to You Holy Trinity, three in one Amen.

\*HYMN 628 *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Holy, and Gracious God; we confess that we have not followed the light of Your word. We have not searched for signs of Your love in the world or trusted Your good news to be good. We have refused Your peace on earth, we have expected little, and we have hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires and godly ambitions, in Jesus name we pray. 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 *Fly Away Medley* arr. Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;

When I die hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away; I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;

Like a bird from prison bars has flown, O Lordy, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, fly away, O glory, I'll fly away, fly away;

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, O Lordy, I'll fly away.

Trials dark on ev'ry hand, and we cannot understand

All the ways that God would lead us to that blessed Promised Land;

But He'll guide us with His eye, and we'll follow till we die;

We will understand it better by and by.

By and by and by, Lord, when the morning comes,

When the blessed saints of God are gathered home;

We will tell the story, how we've overcome;

We will understand it better by and by.

*(Continue)*

When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

I am bound for the Promised Land.

O who will come and go with me?

I am bound for the Promised Land.

O when the saints go marchin' in,

O when the saints go marchin' in,

O Lord I want to be in that number

When the saints go marchin' in.

I'll fly away, fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, O Lordy,

I'll fly away, fly away.

I'll fly away, Lord, when the morning comes.

I'll fly away!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing, Faithful, God who directs the steps of those who listen, may Your Word today inspire us with purpose, may it challenge us to live with integrity, and may we discern Your leadership for our lives and this church in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 10: 11-15*

“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own, and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Psalms 23*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Carol Graham

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

\*HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

SERMON *Shepherd* 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.**

COMMISSION THE VBS TEACHERS AND LEADERS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Blessed Assurance* arr. Charity Book Putnam  
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 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 701 *Lord, Prepare Me* arr. Dale Grotenhuis  
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

POSTLUDE *You Shall Go Out With Joy* Geoffrey Andrews

*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); Carol Graham (11:00)

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