

FLOWERS

The flowers were given to the glory of God by Susan and Paul Luce in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Saturday, July 6 - Friday, July 12

Youth Mission Trip to Bayou La Batre, AL

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

The Lord's Supper will be observed at both worship services
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Carter Blood Drive
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

Tuesday, July 16 - Tuesday, July 30

The Doughton Family will be away on vacation

Wednesday, July 17

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, July 20

9:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women and Ladies Who Love the Lord
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Baby Shower for Hope Elizabeth Sheppard-
Mahaffey Cooper. All women are invited.

Sunday, July 21 - Guest Preacher, Walter Teter

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

Wednesday, July 24

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, July 28 - Guest Preacher, Adrian Rodriguez

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 for all ages

Wednesday, July 30

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 4 - Rally Day

The Lord's Supper will be observed at both worship services
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Picnic Style Luncheon in Wilbanks Hall

Wednesday, August 7

7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons meet in the Crossroads Classroom
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, July 7, 2024 is our next Blood Drive.

Please use this QR Code to sign-up.

This drive will have 30 slots for donors, our goal is to have at least 20 or more successful donors. The need for donors right now is important, and our drive will help the community. Let's be mission-minded and save lives through our donation of blood.



Presbyterian Women and Ladies Who Love the Lord July 2024 Mission Giving

(See the Bulletin Board for more information)

Needed Items

Socks and Underwear - Part of our shower service includes giving our guests fresh clean underwear. We collect **MENS BOXER BRIEFS** all sizes and **WOMENS COTTON UNDERWEAR** all sizes.

We also need **ankle and crew socks for both men and women.**

Clothing - Clothes can be new or used in good condition. We need **men's pants, shorts and shirts.** We are well stocked with women's clothes. We need belts and shoes for both men and women.

Toiletries

- Exam gloves size Large & XL
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Deodorant
- Bug Spray
- Travel Size Conditioner
- Travel Size Foot Powder
- Razor (3+ Blade)
- Washcloths
- Full Size Shampoo
- Full Size Conditioner
- Q-tips



We would like to say thank you to all our VBS sponsors and volunteers. We give God the glory for all the good help. We could not have done this without you. It does take a village. Thank you!

THE CHALLENGE



Feeding the Community

The 100 Can Challenge continues . . .

Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to 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. Our total collected thus far in June is **145 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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

June 30, 2024

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

Cover Picture

The Church of the Nations is built next to a reconstructed Garden of Gethsemane. Throughout the church one can see national symbols. These represent the nations from which the building donors came. One can see American symbols in this picture. Today let us reflect on our country, its legacy (both the high points and the low points), and let us pray for its future.



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 Washington Post* J.P. Sousa
arr. D. Coates

INTROIT 341 (v.1) *O God, Show Mercy to Us* Gustav Holst
O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with Your grace;
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of Your face,
so that Your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
and unto every people Your saving grace be shown.
Let all the peoples praise You; let all the nations sing;
in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 8:1, 3, 4, 9*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above in the heavens. When we look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, who are we that You are mindful of us, that You care for us. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

*HYMN 327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Holy, and Gracious God; we confess that we have not looked to Your light, we have not followed Your ways, we have not sought Your perfect wisdom. We have done what we should not have done. We have neglected to do the actions You call us to do. We have not loved as You call us to love. We have not thought through our days as You call us to think. Forgive us, we pray, by the forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit give us minds to think, wills to act, and hearts to love that bring honor and glory to You. 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 #

MOMENT FOR MISSION Blood Drive

ANTHEM *This is My Country* Al Jacobs
Chancel Choir arr. Roy Ringwald
What difference if I hail from North or South,
or from the East or West?
My heart is filled with love for all of these,
I only know I swell with pride,
And deep within my breast I thrill to see Old Glory paint the breeze!
Refrain: This is my country, land of my birth;
This is my country, grandest on Earth.
I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold,
For this is my country to have and to hold!
With hand upon my heart I thank the Lord for this, my native land,
For all I love is here within her gates.
My soul is rooted deeply in the soil on which I stand,
For these are mine, my own United States!
Refrain x 2

READING *Prayers for the Nation*
(Adapted from prayers given by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt)

*HYMN 337 (v. 1-3) *My Country, Tis of Thee* Samuel Francis Smith

READING *Prayers for the American People*
(Based on prayers given by Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush)

*HYMN 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* Katharine Lee Bates

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious and Loving God, As we once again hear Your Word may it convict us of where we fall short, may it show us a better way to live, and may we have a vision of Your holiness in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 17:11-19*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Psalms 136:1-4*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Steadfast* Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Tune is "Thaxted"
And there's another country, I've heard of long ago! Most dear to them that love her; Most great to them that know; We may not count her armies; We may not see her King; her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering; And soul by soul and silently; her shining bounds increase; And her ways are ways of gentleness; And all her paths are peace. Amen.

COMMISSIONING YOUTH MISSION TEAM (11:00)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Reflections on 'America'* Hugh S Livingston, Jr
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 329 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (v.4) *My Country Tis of Thee* Samuel Francis Smith
Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by Thy might, great God, our King.

POSTLUDE *The Stars and Stripes Forever* J.P. Sousa
arr. D. Coates

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); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

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

Nick Scholl, Sharon Condarco, MacKenzie Aynes,
and Mary Lee Doughton (11:00)