

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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

### 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

### Friday, August 2 through Monday, August 5

Renee Stormer will be away on vacation

### Sunday, August 4 - Rally Day - Blessing of the Backpacks

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

6:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting - Crossroads Classroom  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, August 11

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

### Wednesday, August 14

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting - Crossroads Classroom  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, August 18

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

### Tuesday, August 20

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Kick-off with Salad Supper  
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Mtg - Crossroads Classroom

### Wednesday, August 21

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, August 25

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

### Thursday, August 29 through Tuesday, September 3

Renee Stormer will be away on vacation

### Sunday, September 1

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both services  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

### Monday, September 2

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday,  
August 4, 2024



### The Mid-Year Contribution Reports are in the Welcome Center

We want to let you know how grateful we are for your financial support of our church. The time, talents, and treasures, you provide help make the ministries, outreach and fellowship of our church possible. We appreciate your support during these challenging times.

We feel that it is important you see what you pledged to give and what you have given.

We thank God for you and your family which makes up our church family. May all your gifts to our church be multiplied for God's greater plan and the advancement of His Kingdom.

### Chancel Choir

Our wonderfully talented Chancel Choir will be taking a much deserved break. They will return to the Chancel on August 18.



### THE CHALLENGE



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 July is **77 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

July 21, 2024

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

### About the Cover Picture

“For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to those who are being saved it is the power of Christ.” I Corinthians 1:18. The youth saw this church, St. Philip de Neri, in Albuquerque during the 2022 Mission Trip. In this photo one can see a series of crosses. Today, our guest preacher, Walter Teter will speak to the power of Christ and the Cross.



*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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Once again, Presbyterian Women will be collecting school supplies for our neighbor, Florence Black Elementary. If you would like to donate, please place your items in the container at the end of the hall down from the information center. We will deliver the items at the end of August.

Thank you for your donations, always!

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Soldiers of Christ, Arise* arr. Lani Smith

INTROIT 408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Doris Akers

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expression on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

There are blessings you cannot receive  
till you know him in his fullness and believe;  
you're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 81:1-2*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### And also to you.

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Raise a song, sound the tambourine, and the sweet lyre. Sing aloud to God our strength.

\*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father, Your love for us is so very evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of Your great care for us. Yet, when it comes to following You, we confess that we often don't surrender our entire selves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control instead of releasing them to Your loving care. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Forgive us for frequently saying one thing and doing another. May our words and our actions line up. Make us willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, knowing full well that You will never leave us or forsake us. We pray this humbly, in Christ's 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 #

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious God, Your grace is sufficient-and we pray for Your grace to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds as Your Word is read and preached today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*I Corinthians 1:18-31*

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES *(11:00)*

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

SERMON *The Foolishness of Christ!* Walter Teter

\*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 *Morning Has Broken* arr. John Turner  
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 443 *There Is a Redeemer*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 542 *(v.1)* *God Be with You* William G. Tomer  
*Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE *Alleluia* arr. Terry Osman

*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)*; Meg GarverHamilton *(11:00)*

Deacon/Ushers † - Taylor Hammer, Madison Marin,  
Schyler Marin, and Sheila Hammer

### About the Guest Preacher

**Walter Teter** is the Director of Discipleship at Hackberry Creek Church in Irving Texas. I have been at Hackberry for a little over a year. I love it! Before Hackberry, I was at Highland Park Presbyterian Church for twenty-three years. I have been married to my wife Amy for 23 years. We met and got married at Highland Park Presbyterian Church. We have two kids, Ellie who is 20 years old, and Jack who is 17 years old. We love doing life together and are thankful that God brought us together as a family.