

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

Elder # - Larry Thomas (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)  
 Deacon/Ushers † - Gina Villafana, Rafael Villafana, Bryan Sanders,  
 and David Howard

**NEED TO KNOW COLUMN**

**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  
 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth and Faith Builders - Back to School  
 Splash Day hosted by the Doughtons

**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

**Tuesday, September 3**

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle  
 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle

**Wednesday, September 4**

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

**Sunday, September 8**

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
 12:00 p.m. - Lemonade Social following the 11:00 worship service

**Tuesday, September 10**

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

**Wednesday, September 11**

6:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - 9/11 Service of Remembrance  
 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

**Sunday, September 15 - Guest Preacher - Cheryl Taylor**

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

**Monday, September 16**

7:00 p.m. - Project Regeneration meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

**Wednesday, September 18**

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - Safety Class led by John Kusewitt in Christian Fellowship  
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, September 22 - Stewardship Campaign Begins**

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

**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



**2024 Back to School Swim Party  
 L.I.F.E. Youth and Faith Builders  
 When: on Sunday, August 25, 2024, at 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
 Where: Woodcreek Community Pool, Fate, TX  
 Hosted by: The Doughtons**

Please find an insert in your bulletin **“Suggestions for New Church Officers.”** Yes, it’s that time of year again, to suggest who you think would serve our church well, as officers for the next three years. **The deadline to nominate is Sunday, September 1, 2024.** Please make sure the nominee knows of your suggestion and they are willing to serve.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE SESSION**

<b>CLASS OF 2024</b> Susan K Farmer Sheila J Hammer Stephen A Leake Michael H Lee D Renee Stormer Zoe Futrell (Youth)	<b>CLASS OF 2025</b> Roger Foltz Linda Fricke John Kusewitt Paul Luce Gina Villafana	<b>CLASS OF 2026</b> Diane Beal William Richardson Eric Schwartz Elna Singleton Beverlee Witty
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**THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

<b>CLASS OF 2024</b> Debra L Ford Nicolas A Scholl David C Stormer Campbell Futrell (Youth)	<b>CLASS OF 2025</b> John Futrell Rodney Graham	<b>CLASS OF 2026</b> Sharon Condarco Bryan Sanders Rafael Villafana Dallas Ward
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**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

<b>CLASS OF 2024</b> Phil L Johnson, Jr.	<b>CLASS OF 2025</b> Herbert C. “Pete” Allen, Jr.	<b>CLASS OF 2026</b> Duane C. Moon
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**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 August is **119 items. Thank You!**

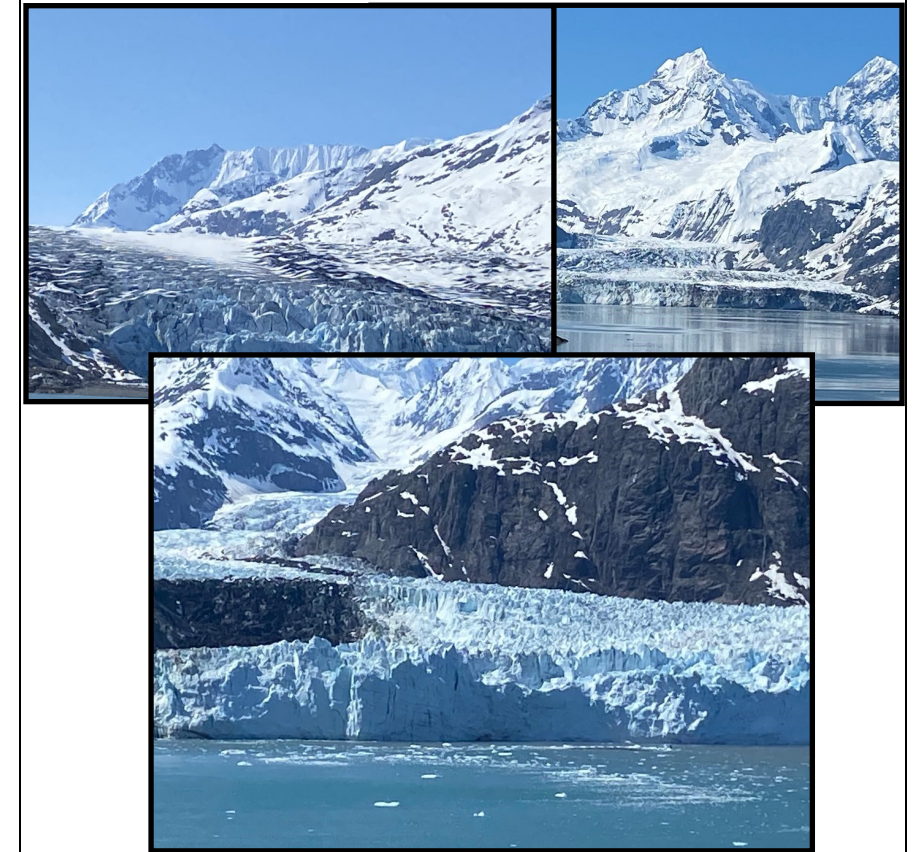
**GUIDE TO WORSHIP**

**August 25, 2024**

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

**About the Cover Picture**

One can see these icebergs along Glacier Bay in Alaska. Icebergs develop over **MANY** years and slowly make their progress. Even their retreat is slow. In the natural world icebergs can represent persistence and perseverance. Today we will look at persistence and perseverance in the life of Jeremiah.



*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*

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Improvisation on 'Llanfair'* Steven Scott

INTROIT 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* Geron Davis  
We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 136:1*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**And also to you.**  
Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever.

\*HYMN 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; in Jesus Christ You called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what You command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth  
Chancel Choir

In the bulb there is a flower; In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter, There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.  
There's a song in every silence, Seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; In our time, infinity.  
In our doubt, there is believing; In our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see;  
Unrevealed until its season, Something yet unknown,  
Which God alone can see.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

O Lord, as Your word says, You are our light and our salvation, Whom shall we fear. As we hear Your Word read and proclaimed may we see Your light, may our souls delight in Your saving ways, and may we act without fear but with full confidence in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *II Corinthians 12:7b-10*

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # 37:11-12, 38:4-6, 14-18

Now when the Chaldean army had withdrawn from Jerusalem at the approach of Pharaoh's army, Jeremiah set out from Jerusalem to go to the land of Benjamin to receive his share of property among the people there. Then the officials said to the king, "This man ought to be put to death, because he is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm." King Zedekiah said, "Here he is; he is in your hands; for the king is powerless against you." So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. Now there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud. King Zedekiah sent for the prophet Jeremiah and received him at the third entrance of the temple of the Lord. The king said to Jeremiah, "I have something to ask you; do not hide anything from me." Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I tell you, you will put me to death, will you not? And if I give you advice, you will not listen to me." So King Zedekiah swore an oath in secret to Jeremiah, "As the Lord lives, who gave us our lives, I will not put you to death or hand you over to these men who seek your life." Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, If you will only surrender to the officials of the king of Babylon, then your life shall be spared, and this city shall not be burned with fire, and you and your house shall live. But if you do not surrender to the officials of the king of Babylon, then this city shall be handed over to the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you yourself shall not escape from their hand."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES *(11:00)*

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

\*HYMN 440 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

SERMON *Hunker Down* 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 *Take My Life* arr. Penny Rodriguez  
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 697 *Take My Life*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Larry Shackley

*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.*