

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**Elder #** - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)  
**Deacon/Ushers** † - Debra Ford, David Stormer,  
 and Renee Stormer (8:45);  
 Debra Ford, David Stormer,  
 Paul Luce, and Renee Stormer (11:00)

**NEED TO KNOW COLUMN**

**Sunday, September 29**

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

**Monday, September 30**

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 2**

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (French Bread Pizza & Pasta)  
 6:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. - Drawing Class led by Carol Graham, in the Gensis classroom.  
 - Dr. Carol Stephenson will lead a Bible Study on the Attributes of God.  
 - Youth Night  
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

**Saturday, October 5**

Time TBA - 20th Annual Addressing Mesquite Day



**Sunday, October 6 - Worldwide Communion**

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

**Monday, October 7**

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

**Tuesday, October 8 (Rescheduled to this date)**

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle Meeting (Pot Luck)

**Wednesday, October 9**

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Creamy Chicken Pasta)  
 6:30 p.m. - Southern DFW Scent Training Class for Dogs led by Carolyn Oldham (learn about the scent training class)  
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

**Saturday, October 12**

7:00 a.m. - Set up Garage Sale  
 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Garage Sale  
 3:00 p.m. - Take down Garage Sale

**Sunday, October 13**

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

**Monday, October 14**

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

**Tuesday, October 15**

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

**Wednesday, October 16**

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Baked Potato w/ Brisket & Chicken)  
 6:30 p.m. - Seeking Advent; a Bible Study to prepare us for Advent  
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**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

Second notice is hereby given of a **called congregational meeting**, to be held in the church sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 6, 2024. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and act upon the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee.

ELDER:	DEACON:	TRUSTEE
Brenda Greer _____	John Brown _____	Kirk Dixon _____
Phil Johnson _____	David Hammons _____	
Ron Smith _____	Schylar Marin _____	
David Stormer _____	Rodney Vansickle _____	
Larry Thomas _____	Mary Claire Doughton (Youth Deacon) _____	
Campbell Futrell (Youth Elder) _____		

PW and LWLTL Mission Project which runs through October 20th. We are collecting Food and Clothing items to donate to After8toEducate.  
*Of the homeless youth population, After8toEducate is tackling the most vulnerable population of unsheltered high school students.*  
 The students love canned Ravioli, Spaghetti-o's, Macaroni and Cheese, Ramon Noodle Soup. Just about anything you would buy for your college student.  
 Clothing such as hoodies, beanies, scarves, t-shirts, socks, underwear, panties, sports bras, etc. (Please see the bulletin board)



Join us for a Mid-Week Fellowship  
 Dinner at 5:45 p.m. and  
 Classes at 6:30 p.m.

**October 2:**

- ◆ Drawing Class led by Carol Graham, in the Gensis Classroom.
- ◆ Dr. Carol Stephenson will lead a Bible Study on the Attributes of God.
- ◆ Youth Night

**October 9:**

- ◆ Scent Training - Southern DFW Scent Training, Carolyn Oldham is a dog trainer and has approval to use our church and will be teaching a class.

**What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?**



- 10/2 French Bread Pizza, Pasta & Sauce, Salad, Bread, and Texas Sheet Cake
- 10/9 Creamy Chicken Pasta, Broccoli, Salad, Bread, and Hot Fudge Brownie Bread

**THE CHALLENGE**



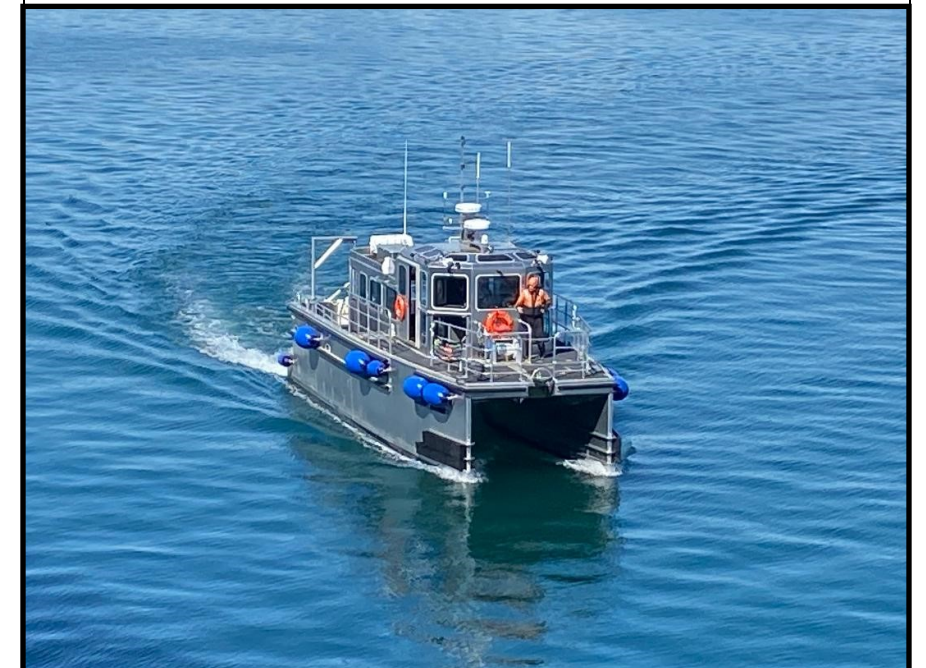
The 100 Can Challenge continues . . .  
 Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our total collected thus far in September is **169 items. Thank You!**

**GUIDE TO WORSHIP**

**September 29, 2024**  
**8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

**About the Cover Picture**

This boat had a job to do. The skipper piloted National Park Rangers to the ship in the Alaskan waters. The Rangers gave a series of presentations on the glaciers in the bay. Then, the pilot used the boat to carry the Rangers back to their station. In a way, pilot stood firm and conducted himself or herself (the passengers did not know who served as pilot) in a manner worthy of a competent pilot. Today we will learn a bit more about what it means to live as disciples in a worthy manner.



*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 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. Matt Hyzer

INTROIT 621 *I Will Call upon the Lord* Michael O'Shields

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,  
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*

Grace to you, 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 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

\*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 #

MOMENT FOR MISSION 2025 Stewardship

ANTHEM *If I Have My Ticket* arr. Donald Moore  
Chancel Choir

*Refrain:* If I have my ticket, Lord, can I ride?

Ride away to heaven the morning.

I heard the sound of the gospel train.

Don't you want to get on board? Yes, that's my aim.

Standing at the station and I'll patiently wait.

For the train that's comin' and she's never late. *Refrain*

*(continued)*

Hope to be ready when the train do come;  
Lord, I've got my ticket and my work is all done.  
Waiting' at the station for that heavenly sign,  
Time to get on board or you'll be left behind. *Refrain x2*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing God, as we hear Your Word read and preached, may we hear today Your special message to us, may we gain insight for the week ahead, and may we see Your larger purposes for our lives in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Philippians 1:3-6*

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Philippians 1:27-30*

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For He has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for Him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

SERMON *Conduct Yourselves* Rev. Jones 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

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Joyful Hymn of Praise* Faye Lopez  
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 673 *(vs.1)* *Jesus, Light of Joy* John Goss  
Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let Your splendid glory shine:  
source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign.  
Alleluia, alleluia, we adore You, light divine.

POSTLUDE *There Is a Redeemer* arr. Joel Raney

*Following the Response we will have our Postlude. Please be seated.*

