

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Evelyn Parker (8:45); Sheila Hammer (11:00)

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

Youth Readers ♦ - Zoe Futrell (8:45); Mary Claire Doughton (11:00)

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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 Brisket & Chicken)

6:30 p.m. - Seeking Advent; a Bible Study to prepare us for Advent

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, October 20

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

4:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Church Picnic - Sunnyvale Town Center

### Monday, October 21

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 23

5:45 p.m. - Committee on Committees Meet over Dinner

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Lasagna & Coconut Custard Pie)

6:30 p.m. - Seeking Advent; a Bible Study to prepare us for Advent

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, October 27

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

### Monday, October 28

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 30

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Rotisserie Chicken & Chocolate Pie)

6:30 p.m. - Seeking Advent; a Bible Study to prepare us for Advent

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Join us for a Mid-Week Fellowship

Dinner at 5:45 p.m. and Classes at 6:30 p.m.

### October 16, 23, & 30

- ♦ Seeking Advent; a study to prepare us for Advent led by Rev. Doughton.

### October 30, November 6, 13, & 20

- ♦ Watercolor Class (Christmas Cards) led by Pete Allen  
*Please RSVP by signing up in the Welcome Center (for supplies)*

### November 6

- ♦ Youth Night
- ♦ Bible Study led by Beverlee Witty (2 week study)

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



10/16 Baked Potatoes with Shredded Chicken and Brisket, Sautéed Zucchini & Carrots, Salad, Bread, Peach Cobbler w/ Ice Cream

10/23 Lasagna, Roasted Vegetables, Salad, Bread, Coconut Custard Pie

# WANTED

## Help Wanted

- ⇒ A teacher for the Little Lambs Sunday School Class, PreK-5th grade
- ⇒ Guide/Leader for Faith Builders - This person would work closely with Sheila Hammer and Erin Edling taking the elementary age children to events

If God is calling you to serve in either position, please call the church office or speak with our Christian Education Chair, Carol Graham.



## 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 October is **32 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

Next Sunday, October 20, 2024, the church will hold its **Annual Church Picnic at Sunnyvale Town Center Park, 356 Tripp Rd. Sunnyvale, TX 75182.**



We will have some games, sing-a-longs, burgers and vespers. Please watch your email for more details and items to bring.

# GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 13, 2024

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

## About the Cover Picture

A canal once ran along the Illinois River. It would connect that river, and Chicago & Lake Michigan, to the Mississippi River. On the cover one can see a replica of a river barge and a recreation of the Canal in Ottawa, Illinois. Along the canal mules would pull the boats to the prize. Today we will hear more about Paul's call for the prize-to endure and to win the race.



*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 *Morning Has Broken* arr. John Turner

INTROIT 408 (v.1) *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.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 118:24; 103:1*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### And also to you.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Bless the Lord O, my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name.

\*HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You Sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from Your truth and from Your holy will. We have failed in love, we have forgotten to be just, and we have turned away from Your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to Your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ, the 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 #

MOMENT FOR MISSION 2025 Stewardship

ANTHEM *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!  
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

(continued)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!  
Blessed Trinity! Blessed Trinity!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing God-as Your Word is read and preached may it shine Your light on our lives, may it sharpen our wills to respond, and may it guide our direction to follow we pray 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 3:12-16*

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

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 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

SERMON *Pressing Onward and Upward* 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 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Lani Smith  
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 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* arr. John L. Bell

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.

Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and foot-steps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* arr. Lani Smith

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

## HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

Following the lead of other Presbyterian Churches, two designated sources are identified for support. First, there is Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Second, there is the Montreat Conference Center Hurricane Helene & Milton Restoration Funds. You may support one or both. When you make your donation to "First Presbyterian, Mesquite", please designate. Thank you.

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)