ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Rod Graham, Dallas Ward,

Michael Lee, and Robbie Lee (8:45); Rod Graham, Dallas Ward,

Mary Claire Doughton, and Zoe Futrell (11:00)

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Sunday, October 27 - Dedication Sunday

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

6:30 p.m. - Pete's Watercolor Class - Christmas Cards (*Please sign-up*)

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 2

9:00 a.m. - All-Church Workday (Please sign-up in the Welcome Center)

Sunday, November 3

The Sacrament of 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

Monday, November 4

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 5

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

Wednesday, November 6

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

6:30 p.m. - Youth & Children pack college care packages

6:30 p.m. - Beverlee Witty will lead a Bible Study

6:30 p.m. - Pete's Watercolor Class - Christmas Cards (*Please sign-up*)

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons

The Women's Retreat Committee is selling pecans.

A table is set up in the main hallway and a committee member will be there to assist you. Please make your purchase this Sunday, prices increase at the FPC Christmas

Market Place.

1 lb. bag of halves \$12

1 lb. bag of pieces \$12

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



Join us for a Mid-Week Fellow-ship

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

October 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)

November 6, 13, and 20

• Officer Training led by Rev. Doughton

These classes will also be offered Sunday, November 3, 10, & 17

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?



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

10/30 Rotisserie Chicken, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Bread, Chocolate Cream Pie

WARTED

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 youth will be packing COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, during WNL. If you would like to contribute items for the packages, please drop

them off in the church office by Sunday, November 3, 2024

We have 6 Male College Students. Thank you to all who kindly contribute and encourage.



GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 20, 2024 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

About the Cover Picture

In this picture we see a ship docked in Mexico. The passengers are for the most part American. Though they are in foreign waters, this ship is, in a way, an outpost of the United States. Today in Philippians we learn what it means to be an outpost of heaven.



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 Church's One Foundation arr. Samuel S. Wesley

INTROIT 627

I Love You. Lord

Laurie Klein

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You; O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what You hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

*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 #

MOMENT FOR MISSION

2025 Stewardship

ANTHEM (11:00)

It Is Well with My Soul arr. C.E. Walz Chancel Choir

Chorus: It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

When peace like a river, attends my way, When sorrows like sea-billows roll;

Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. [Chorus]

O God, speed the day that is filled with Your light, When clouds are rolled back as a scroll;

The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,

"Even so," it is well with my soul. [Chorus x2]

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.

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 3:17-21

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of His glory, by the power that also enables Him to make all things subject to Himself.

The Word of the Lord.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

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

*HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

SERMON

Citizenship

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Doughton

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 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. C.E. Walz Ryoji Shimpo, pianist

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ve heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing Sicilian melody (vs. 1) Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

POSTLUDE The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. John Purifoy

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



Please help us Remember, Honor, and Teach on Saturday, December 14, by sponsoring a wreath today. Each Wreath is \$17 and \$5 will be returned to our L.I.F.E. Youth to be used for their next Mission Trip.



Thank you,

TX0524P FPC Mesquite L.I.F.E. Youth Group Deadline is: December 2, 2024

ONLINE GIVING OPTION

Have you ever thought of giving online? If you would like to give online you may scan the QR Code below. This will take you to the giving button on our website.





Hey, look, giving just got easier