

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, April 27- Youth Sunday

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

Friday, May 2 through Sunday, May 4

Mo-Ranch Men’s Event

Sunday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 6 through Friday, May 9

Rev. Doughton will be away for Continuing Education

Sunday, May 11 - Mother’s Day

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Men’s Council - Pancake Breakfast



Tuesday, May 13

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Mtg in Crossroads Classroom

Saturday, May 17

Troop 138 80th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, May 18 - Senior Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Senior Graduation Luncheon (everyone is invited)

Tuesday, May 20

7:15 p.m. - Joint Officers Meeting in the side room of Wilbanks Hall

Saturday, May 24 through Saturday, May 31

Rev. Doughton and Family will be away on Vacation

Sunday, May 25 - Guest Preacher - Rev. Josh Maddin

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

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day

The Church Office will be closed

Sunday, June 1

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



2025 First Presbyterian Youth Mission Trip T-shirt Project

Purchase an add: \$1,000 \$500 \$350 \$250 \$150** \$50* \$25
Adds \$50 and above - score a free T-Shirt!
Purchase additional T-Shirts only \$20 each



Mother’s Day Pancake Brunch

Sunday, May 11, 2025

During the Sunday School Hour

9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Presented by the Men’s Council

Please R.S.V.P. in the Welcome Center

FPC L.I.F.E. Youth
FLAMINGO FLOCKING

Would you like to send a flock of flamingos to
someone?

Please support the L.I.F.E. Youth on their
Summer Mission Trip to Milwaukee, WI.

Pay only \$20 to have someone Flocked.

Pay only \$25 for Flocking Insurance.

This is a fun way to tell others in our
community about First Presbyterian Church

It is also a fun way to raise funds for our
mission trip.



The Futrell Family and The Mauldin Family, with the Christian Education Committee invite you to a Senior Graduation Luncheon on Sunday, May 18, after the 11:00 a.m. Worship service in Wilbanks Hall.

A light lunch will be served.
Come Celebrate Our 2025 Seniors:
ZOE FUTRELL AND JULIA MAULDIN



THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ryoji Shimpō, Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

April 27, 2025

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

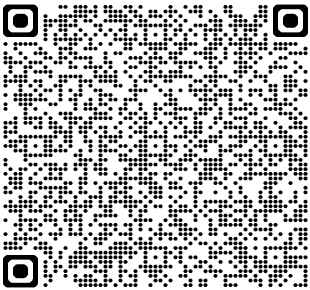
YOUTH SUNDAY



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!

ONLINE GIVING OPTION

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



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *You Are My All in All* arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT 743 *O God, You Are My God* David Strasser
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You’ll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who seek the presence of God! The Spirit calls us to worship in truth and
People: We come with open hearts, ready to receive the fruit of the spirit.
Leader: Love, joy, peace, patience-gifts of grace poured out for us.
People: Kindness, goodness, faithfulness - reflections of God’s own character.
Leader: Gentleness and self-control - signs of God’s transforming power within us.
People: Let us worship the Lord, who nurtures these gifts in our lives!

*HYMN 835 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious God, You have given us the Fruit of the Spirit, yet we do not always bear them in our lives. We have not loved as You loved. Our joy is often dimmed by selfishness. We seek peace, yet we sow discord. We lack patience with others and with ourselves. We fail to show kindness and goodness when it is most needed. Our faithfulness wavers, our gentleness is replaced by harshness, and we lack self-control in our thoughts and actions. Forgive us, Lord. Cultivate in us a heart that reflects Your Spirit, that we may live as Your faithful people. In Jesus’ precious name, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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
Dear God, we come to You and ask You to open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control what You are saying to us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 32:15-17*
Until the Spirit is poured upon us from high, and the wilderness become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. And the effect of righteousness will be peace and the result of righteousness, quietness, and trust forever.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Galatians 5:22-23*
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control; against such things there is no law.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*HYMN 701 *(sung twice)* *Lord, Prepare Me*

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Mary Claire Doughton
The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 458 *Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet*

SERMON Zoe Futrell

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SERMON Julia Mauldin

*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.

*HYMN 518 *Your Only Son*

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 *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* arr. Ron Boud
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 519 *You Are My Strength When I am Weak*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE 826 *Lift High the Cross (vs. 2)* Hope Publishing Company
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.
All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow
the seal of Christ Who died.

POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* 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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP
Call to Worship - Adeline Aynes
Confession - Campbell Futrell
Welcome & Announcements - Zoe Futrell
Moment for Young Disciples - Mary Claire Doughton
Prayer for Illumination - Kenzie Aynes
Sermon - Zoe Futrell
Sermon - Julia Mauldin
Affirmation of Faith - Kenzie Aynes
Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer - Mary Claire Doughton
Invitation to the Offering - Julia Mauldin
Prayer of Dedication - Campbell Futrell
Charge & Blessing - Adeline Aynes

Elder # - Zoe Futrell
Ushers † - Campbell Futrell, Kenzie Aynes, and Adeline Aynes

FLOWERS
The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God in celebration of the Youth and in honor of the Youth led worship service.

If you provided an Easter Lily for our Easter Service, please take yours home today.



THE CHALLENGE
The 100 Can Challenge continues as we 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 items collected thus far in April is **79 items**. Thank you to all who contributed!