



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

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From our Session

God's Will vs. My Will

Through the up and downs of life, I have learned that it's easy to get caught up in the pursuit of what I think will bring me happiness. As a kid, I couldn't wait to get out of the house and not live with my parents. At no point was I thinking about how I would provide, financially speaking, for myself or how much work that would take. And I definitely was not praying and asking God to show me what to do. My first thoughts of career was forensics science. Well, that changed when senior year physics class hit. I couldn't understand why it took an entire page to do one problem.

I dropped the forensics idea but didn't have a solid replacement. I thought to myself, I could do music. But I had skipped out on doing private piano lessons my senior year because my schedule was just so busy....it was my choir teacher that got an audition set up for me at Baylor. I never DREAMED I could get in. But even above that, I received academic and music scholarships. God's plan still happened just not in the way I could have imagined.

Years later, I think back and laugh at how I thought I had it all figured out. Even now, I worship and work at places I myself did not choose, but were led to by the will of God. Where I have "landed" was God's will all along.

I am learning the following major life lessons.

1. To be content. If it has to be pushed into place then it is probably not in the plan. I have spent much of my adult life in a continual cycle of stress. Life after COVID has been much less stressful. I am learning to be content with my life and be aware of the precautions I have to take to be healthy and take care of myself. This means

I can't spend every waking moment always chasing more.

2. To be appreciative. I am learning to value where I am in life and what God has given me. It may not be all I want, but it is surely all I need!

3. To trust God's plan. In all the commotion of the last decade; the family, health, and career roller coaster, God has still been faithful. He has shown me that in all seasons, he will work things out in His timing. There is comfort in knowing that.

This poem titled "His Plan for Me" by Martha Snell Nicholson sums it all up for me.

When I stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ
And He shows me His plan for me,
The plan of my life as it might have been,
Had He had His way; and I see

How I blocked Him here, and I checked Him there
And I would not yield my will,
Will there be grief in my Saviour's eyes,
Grief though He loves me still?

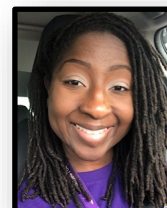
He would have me rich, and I stand here poor,
Stripped of all but His grace,
While memory runs like a hunted thing
Down the paths I cannot retrace.

Then my desolate heart will well nigh break
With tears that I cannot shed;
I shall cover my face with my empty hands;
I shall bow my uncrowned head.

Lord of the years that are left to me,
I give them to Thy hand;
Take me and break me, mold me to
The pattern Thou hast planned.

Of the years that remain in my life, my prayer is that God will reveal his plan for my life and help me to be patient when I feel like things are stagnant. I hope that my life and testimony can bring Him glory. God's will definitely triumphs over mine.

Brittany



Holy Week Services

Worship with us for Holy Week as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! We will hold services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, a Prayer Vigil all day on Saturday, and a Sunrise Service and Morning Worship on Sunday.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Sunday School for all-ages at 9:15 AM
Palm Sunday Service at 10:30 AM, *childcare provided*

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM, *childcare provided*

Friday, April 7, 2022

Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 9, 2022 – Easter Sunday!

Sunrise Service at 6:45 AM, in the courtyard
Breakfast *after the Sunrise Service*, in the fellowship hall
Sunday School for All Ages at 9:15 AM
Easter Egg Hunt *at the end of the Sunday School hour*
Morning Worship Service at 10:30 AM, *childcare provided*



PW Annual Plant and Bake Sale

Mark your calendars now (and your phones too) for the annual PW Plant and Bake Sale. The date is Sunday, May 7, 2023, following the morning worship service. In addition to assorted garden annuals, perennials, grasses and hanging baskets, we have some indoor specialties just in time for Mothers' Day the following Sunday. Plus, you'll find a delicious assortment of baked goods from the kitchens of our illustrious bakers.

We purchase most of the plants we offer, but if you want to donate a plant or two, please do. Also, we can't offer the selection of delicious baked goods without donations from you, our illustrious bakers and cooks. So please plan to have your baking or cooking donations available for Sunday, May 7.

Thank you.



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**Worship Volunteer Schedule
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April 9	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Assistant	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Brittany Haywood & Dudley Austin Jimmy Cordova
April 16	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Assistant	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Roy Watson & Joan Brown Jennifer McWilliams
April 23	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Assistant	Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Jimmy Cordova & Diane Pegues Jimmy Cordova

He is Risen!

Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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April Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org.

Thank you.

Anna Murphy, April 2
Weston Russell, April 2
Bob Harrison, April 7

Evelyn Walters, April 15
Sandy Gaskins, April 16
Destinee Hertenstein, April 18



2023 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
Feb	\$ 17,987	\$ 32,609
Jan—Feb	\$ 30,613	\$ 51,805