

# First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

April 2022

*The mission of our church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ  
Our vision is to be an oasis of God's love.*

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*Bulletin Board by Jessica Cockrill*

*"bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-Everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made." Isaiah 43:6b-7*

God created us. The Bible tells us in Genesis the account of creation. We were formed in His image and placed in His world and given charge over His created things. Man tended the garden alone and God made a helpmate for him. And mankind grew exponentially until now there are seven billion of us, and nearly all are still in search of the answer to end all answers. Why?

The Bible tells us the answer in Isaiah 43. We were created for God's glory. It pleased Him to create us, and we are a reflection of Him. Because we were created for God's glory, we are also to live for God's glory. We are here to know Him and to please Him and to praise Him.

We are created for a purpose: To know God and to make God known. I was caught up in this scripture as I was reading and I couldn't help but think that we absolutely got the better deal.

God, many times, is waiting on us to fulfil our purpose.... I hope as I continue in Lent and on to Easter that I can reflect more of God in my interactions with others and place myself at God's disposal allowing Him to work through me. I pray the same for all of us.

Peace in Christ,  
Kathy



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. **The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian disaster assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger program, and Self-development of people** — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Each gift received helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

*This offering will be collected at the Easter Service on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes will be in the pews, and please make checks out to First Presbyterian.*

## **Dates to Remember**

### **3 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Hoyt Place Worship~ 9:00am  
Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am  
Worship~ 10:45am Reverse Offering  
Dennis Kiker will preach.

### **10 Palm Sunday**

Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am  
Worship~ 10:45am~ Youth Sunday  
Communion Class of 2022  
Middle School & High School meet~ 2:00pm

12 Lenten Lunch~ Noon~ Trinity Baptist

13 Presbyterian Women~ Noon-Fellowship Hall  
Lenten Lunch~ Noon- First United Methodist

14 Lenten Lunch~ Noon Highland Heights  
Methodist

***Maundy Thursday Service~ 6:00pm~ Chapel***

### **17 Easter Sunday**

Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am  
Worship ~ 10:45am  
Communion Class of 2023  
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
Easter Egg Hunt after Worship

18 Church Office Closed

20 Session Meeting~ 5:30pm

24 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am  
Worship~ 10:45am~ Noisy Offering  
Children and Youth Meet~ 4:30pm-6:30pm



3 Jordan Graham VonRoeder  
4 Hunter Rotan  
5 Martha Harvey  
6 Caden Wilburn  
10 Tommy Maitland  
19 Bradley Armstrong  
25 Nick Nemir  
29 Emily Brock Ledesma  
Wesley Maxwell



Presbyterian Women will meet Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at noon in the fellowship hall.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Sherie Alldredge at 325-721-3339

We will study Chapters 6 & 7 of our study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.



The Presbyterian Women Brick project is an Ongoing fund-raising project, and we will continue to take orders. There are order forms available in the church office in the purple folder on the table under the mailboxes.

You can remember a loved one or give one in honor of someone by purchasing an engraved memorial brick to be placed in the Memorial Garden.

Two Sizes of brick are available:  
4"X 8" with 3 lines available for engraving \$50.00  
8" X 8" with 6 lines available for engraving \$100.00

Come by the church office for more information



Please bring candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. We have plenty of plastic eggs this year. Have them at the church by Palm Sunday.



## CHURCH DIRECTOR Update

Neil and Darlene Moore  
6222 Tezcuco  
Granbury, TX 76049

Darlene wrote to let us know that she and Neil have moved to Granbury to be closer to their son. Neil fell last fall and had several injuries. He was in rehab for two months here in Sweetwater and has continued rehab in Granbury with hopes to get out of wheelchair and able to use a walker.

“We enjoyed the people and the fellowship, while we were there.”

In Christian love, Darlene



Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are this month. What a special time of year! The kids have already been studying them. Please invite your friends and family to these special events.

April 10, Palm Sunday  
Children and youth will participate in the church service.

2:00 Middle School and High School students only will meet to stuff the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will need all of you, please. The younger ones will not meet today.

April 17, Easter Sunday  
Everyone through 5th bring your Easter Basket for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held on the front lawn right after church. Right before our last hymn, the older kids will help put out the eggs.

April 24:  
4:30-6:30 Children and Youth activities  
Children through 5th grade meet from 4:30-5:45 and the Middle School and High School meet from 5:30-6:30... but as always you can come the whole time.

## Stewardship – Genesis 1:1-5 (The Creation Story)

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.*

Start at the very beginning! This verse reminds us that God created everything, so all that we have is ultimately from God. It is also a reminder that God brings light into our world, and as children of the light, we are called to live lives of gratitude and generosity, giving back to the work of God out of the abundance that God has shared with us from the very beginning.

First Presbyterian Church	
2022 Financial Report	
2022 Budget \$143,931.25	
Year to Date Totals	
Plate & Pledge	\$17,982.00
Dividends and Other Contributions	\$2,175.96
Expenses	-\$26,002.42
Total	-\$5,844.46

2022 Noisy Offering	
Designated to the Ministerial Alliance	
Received Year to Date	\$198.16

2022 Food Pantry	
Designated to the Nolan County Food Pantry	
Received Year to Date	\$195.00



## March Youth Service



Peyton Gee



Harper Gee



Caden Wilburn



Averi Moody



Kallen Moody



Pastor Kathy Monroe



Mrs. Elliott and her assistant principal,  
Harper Gee for 6 weeks



Mitch Moore's Art Show  
Jo and Tom Henderson Art Gallery



Jim Gesin and Mitch Moore

Congratulations to Macy Newberry  
Miss Snake Charmer 2022



Jim Gesin, Ruthann Campbell, Patty Gesin,  
Richard Gesin, Karen Brown, Gary Brown



Dennis Cumbie and Macy Newberry