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Sunday, August 6 “Blessing of the Backpacks”

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

Thursday, August 10

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 12

7:00 a.m. - Setup Garage Sale
8:00 a.m. - Garage Sale
12:00 p.m. - Cleanup Garage Sale

Sunday, August 13 “Rally Day”

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Stay for a picnic style lunch in Wilbanks Hall
2:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth and Faith Builders are invited to a pool party hosted by the Doughtons, at Woodcreek in Fate, TX.

Tuesday, August 15

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

Wednesday, August 16

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting in Crossroads classroom

Thursday, August 17

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 20

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

Tuesday, August 22

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women’s Annual Kick-off Salad Supper.
All women are invited and asked to bring a Salad of your choice.

Thursday, August 24

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 27

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

Sunday, September 3 - Communion

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

Monday, September 4

The church offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women’s Morning Circle
7:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women’s Night Circle

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Sunday,
August 6, 2023



SUMMER CHURCH GARAGE SALE
IT'S HOT AND SO ARE OUR ITEMS!
OUR GARAGE SALE IS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Mark your calendar and plan to be here to help us. We need volunteers!

THIS IS HOW WE FINANCE SOME OF OUR BENEVOLENCES.

Help set-up beginning at 7 am on Saturday, helpers during the sale, and helpers to clean-up at 12 pm.



SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE WELCOME CENTER!

THE CHALLENGE

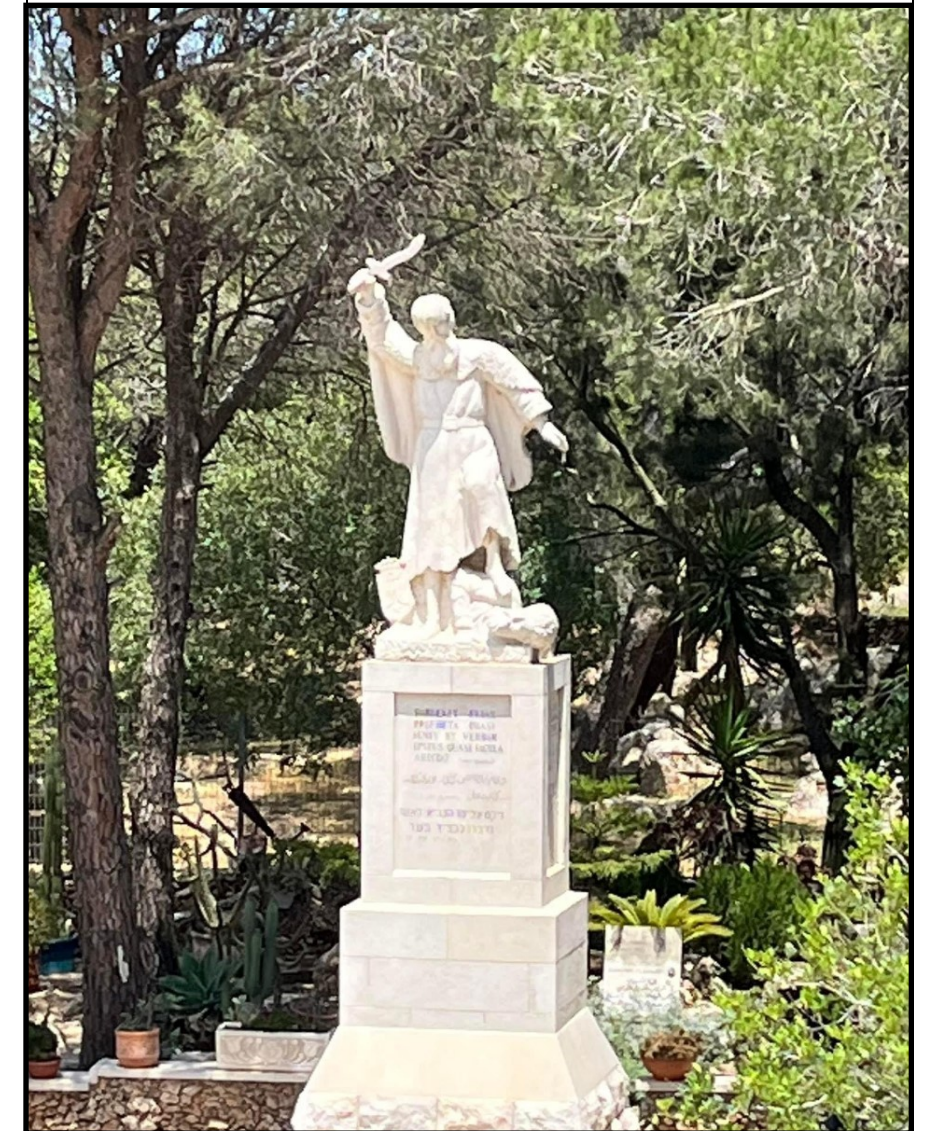


The 100 Can Challenge continues . . . Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. In July we collected **279 items**. Thank You!

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 6, 2023

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



Cover Picture

This statue of Elijah stands on Mt. Carmel in Israel. One can walk to a church close to the statue. On top of this mountain Elijah conducted his show down with the Prophets of Baal. While some of us remember the success of the show down...Elijah had a sense of failure. Today we will learn about what followed the event.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries
Ryoji Shimpo, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
arr. Hugh S Livingston, Jr.

INTROIT 243 *Be Not Afraid* Jacques Berthier
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 136:1*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN 612 *We Praise You, O God*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; in Jesus Christ You called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what You command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our 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

ANTHEM *Sweet Hour of Prayer* arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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 # *Matthew 11:28-30*

‘Come to Me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.’

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Kings 19:9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the Word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a Voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES *Blessing of the Backpacks*
The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SERMON *Postcards from the Edge: The Elijah Syndrome* 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Deep Peace* John S. Dixon
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 †

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The 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.

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 838 *Standing on the Promises of God*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 743 *O God, You Are My God* David Strasser

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

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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.

*POSTLUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Janet Vogt

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Rod Graham, Debra Ford,

and Bryan Sanders (8:45);

Rod Graham, Debra Ford,

Bryan Sanders, and Paul Luce (11:00)