

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, November 12 - Remembrance Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal

Monday, November 13

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 14

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

Wednesday, November 15

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Last WNL for 2023)
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Classes
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 19

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. - 98th Annual Men's Council Thanksgiving Dinner



Wednesday - Friday, November 22 - 24

Church offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 26

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. - Decorate the Church for Advent/Christmas



Monday, November 27

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent - Hope

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
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal

Monday, December 4

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 5

10:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

Wednesday, December 6

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Joint Officers Meeting

Sunday, December 10

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Program

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ryoji Shimpo, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

Thank You My Friend

Thank you, my friend, for all you do
For giving so much and saying no to few.

So when I ask for one more thing,
Think of all the light that a smile can bring.

My request is simple I hope you see
Just a secret pact between you and me.

Take every chance to repay our debt
By stopping to say "thank you" when you see a Vet.

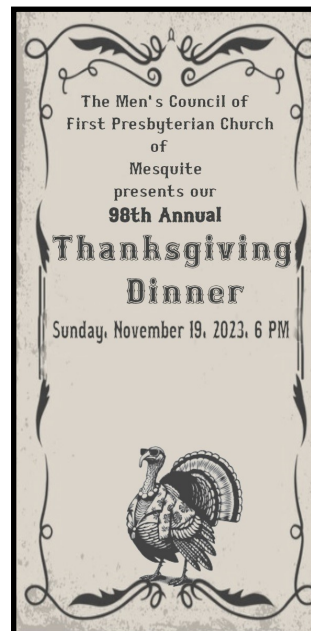
For all the brave men and women too
Who fought so bravely and now need you.

To rebuild their spirits and to stand up for them
By simply remembering every now and then.

So, fly the flag on special days
and please take the time to always say

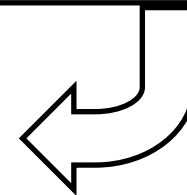
"Thank God for the brave for the price they paid."

- from the DAV of Cincinnati, Ohio



The 98th Annual Men's Council Thanksgiving Dinner Tickets are on sale today, Sunday, November 12, and next Sunday, November 19, 2023, before and after each worship service at the Welcome Center.

Tickets are \$6.00 each with no family paying more than \$24.00

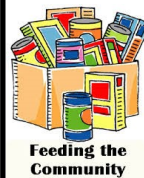


The Women's Retreat Committee is selling pecans.

A table is set up in the main hallway and a committee member will be there to assist you.

1 lb. bag of halves \$13

1 lb. bag of pieces \$13



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. Thus far in November we collected **38 items**. Thank You!

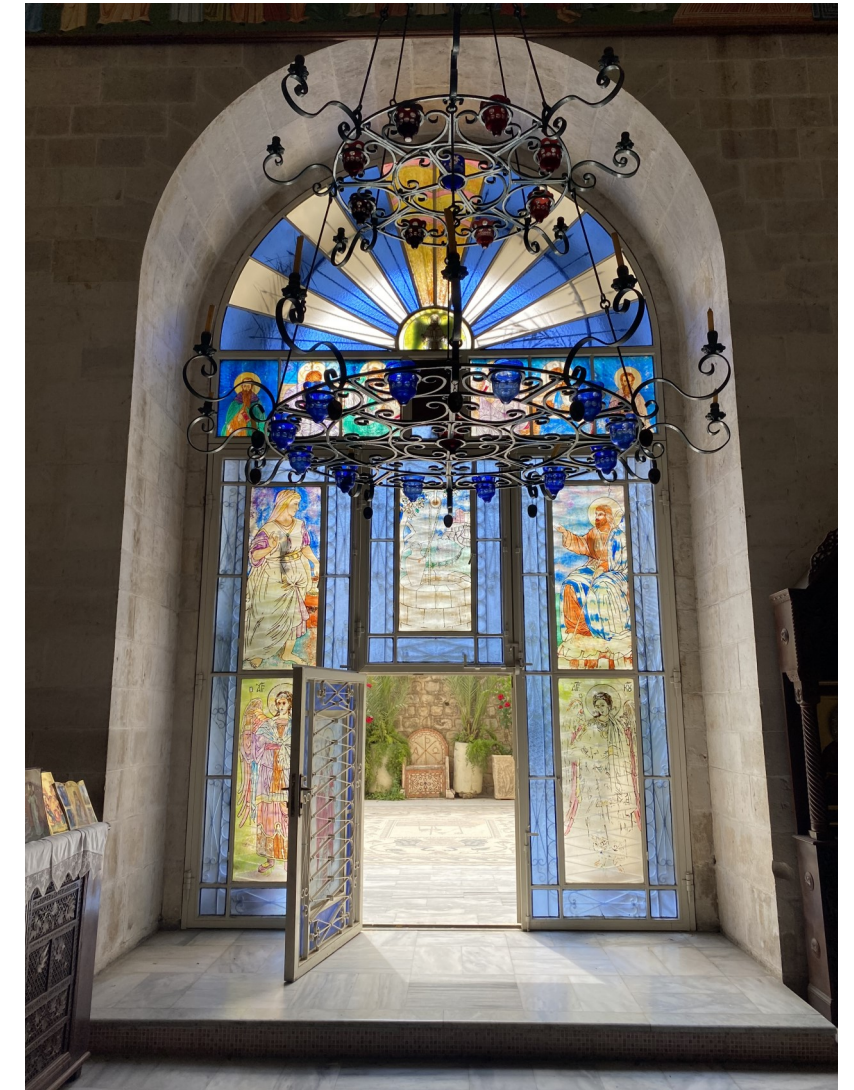
GUIDE TO WORSHIP

November 12, 2023

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

About the Cover Picture

Through this door one may enter the Church of St. Photine (the name later given to The Samaritan Woman at the Well who met Jesus). It is built over Jacob's Well-The Well of the story. That encounter changed her forever. Today, as we talk about Remembrance, think of those times when Jesus met you at a place of great need.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *God of Our Father's* arr. Tedd Smith

INTROIT 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* Joachim Neander

**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 8:1,3-4, & 9*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

You, O Lord, are our strength and our shield, our rock and our salvation. You, O Lord, are Holy, You alone are Perfect Love, You alone are perfect Truth; and You, O Lord, are alone worthy of praise. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Holy, and Gracious God; we confess that we have not looked to Your light, we have not followed Your ways, we have not sought Your perfect wisdom. We have done what we should not have done. We have neglected to do the actions You call us to do. We have not loved as You call us to love. We have not thought through our days as You call us to think. Forgive us, we pray, by the forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit give us minds to think, wills to act, and hearts to love that bring honor and glory to You. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 #

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing God-as Your Word is read and preached may it shine Your light on our lives, may it sharpen our wills to respond, and may it guide our direction to follow we pray in Jesus Name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Deuteronomy 8:11-18*

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep His commandments, His ordinances, and His statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great

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and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, so that He may confirm His covenant that He swore to your ancestors, as He is doing today.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

*HYMN 329 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

SERMON *Remembrance* 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.

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.

TRIBUTE AND PRAYER FOR VETERANS

ANTHEM *The Star-Spangled Banner* Francisco Scott Key
Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The Unclouded Day* 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, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

*HYMN (*music 376*)

Almighty Father, Strong to Save

**Almighty Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who biddst the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
o'er which our traffic runs amain
by mountain pass or valley low;
wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
protect them by Thy guarding hand
from every peril on the land.**

**O Spirit, Whom the Father sent to
spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
save all who dare the eagle's flight,
and keep them by Thy watchful care
from every peril in the air.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
our people shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus ever more shall rise to Thee
glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 709 *God, We Honor You* James E. Clemens
**God, we honor you. God, we trust in You.
God, we worship and adore You.
Take what we bring, offered to You.
Teach us to show Your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, amen.**

POSTLUDE *Sonata #8 "Pathétique",* L. van Beethoven
Op.13, II. Adagio cantabile

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey (8:45); Roger Foltz (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - John Futrell, Renee Stormer, and Zoe Futrell (8:45);
Eric Schwartz, Bryan Sanders, Cindy Jenkins and Gerald Jenkins (11:00)

Youth Reader ♦ - Campbell Futrell (8:45); MacKenzie Aynes (11:00)