

## FLOWERS

The flowers in our sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Stephen and Susan Leake, in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.

### NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

#### Sunday, February 25

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. - Mission Themed Potluck Dinner

#### Monday, February 26

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, February 28

- 5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Chili)
- 6:30 p.m. - A Lenten Bible Study led by Rev. Doughton
- 6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
- 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Sunday, March 3 The Lord's Supper will be observed at both services

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal

#### Monday, March 4

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, March 5

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

#### Wednesday, March 6

- 5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (French Bread Pizza)
- 6:30 p.m. - A Lenten Bible Study led by Rev. Doughton
- 6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
- 6:30 p.m. - Children and Youth First Wednesday (Fun & Games)
- 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting in the Crossroads classroom

#### Saturday, March 9 through Friday, March 15

Rev. Doughton and Family will be away for Spring Break

#### Sunday, March 10 - Guest Preacher

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal

#### Monday, March 11

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, March 13

- 5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Burgers)
- 6:30 p.m. - A Bible Study led by Dr. Carol Stephenson
- 6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)
- 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Sunday, March 17 - Blood Drive

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service



### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Christian Education committee could use your help!

We need candy stuffed Easter Eggs, individually wrapped cookies or snacks, and juice drinks for our Egg Hunt.

Also, we would love your help on Saturday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a large part of our outreach during Holy Season, please help us greet the community. We have such a wonderful and welcoming church family.

### Mission Themed Fellowship Dinner

Please join us for Dinner, Sunday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. in Wilbanks Hall. This Dinner will be Mission Themed, our speaker will be Diane Pennington from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS).

Please bring your favorite meat, side dish, salad, or dessert to share.



Our next mission is to gather tissues and hand sanitizer for our neighbor, Florence Black Elementary. With all the viruses going around this year, we decided to take the battle to where it begins. If you are interested in contributing to our mission, you may place your items in the tub in the front hallway near the Welcome Center. We will be collecting them through the end of March.

Thank you for helping us support the people who need it most in our own community. You have been a blessing to many.



### \* Wednesday Night Live \*

Join us for Winter 2024

Come experience the new format of our Wednesday Night Live. Don't miss out on an always delicious dinner prepared by Chef Rod beginning at 5:45 p.m. All adult classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

#### February 21 through March 20

Adult Classes:

- A Lenten Bible Study led by Rev. Doughton. This week he will discuss the following scriptures: Job 14:1-17; Ecclesiastes 4:1-7; 14; Matthew 6:20-21, 33, Luke 12:19-21
- Oil Painting with Pete Allen.

#### Spring Session, April 3 - April 17

The Christian Education Committee is developing a series of special event classes for the Third Term. Each Wednesday will bring a special treat. Stay tuned for updates in the weeks ahead.



### 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. The total collected thus far in February is **163 items; 55 on the first Sunday and 85 for the Souper Bowl of Caring and 23 last week.** Thank You!

### THOSE WHO SERVE

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

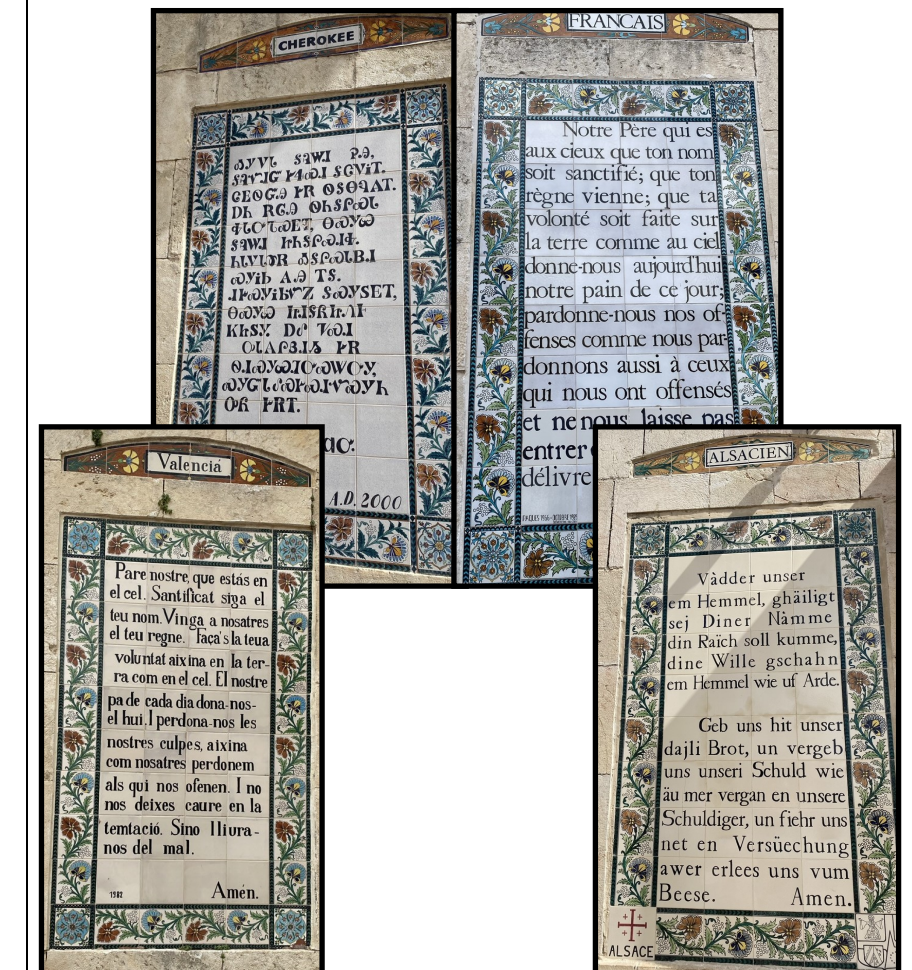
# GUIDE TO WORSHIP

February 25, 2024

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

### About the Cover Picture

The Chapel of the Lord's Prayer is built on the Mount of Olives outside of the Old City of Jerusalem. It is down the road from the traditional site of the Ascension of Christ after the Resurrection. It is also located on the Route of Palms used by worshippers on Palm Sunday. According to tradition, at this site Jesus first gave the Lord's Prayer to His disciples. Within the chapel and on the grounds one can find The Lord's Prayer in many national and regional languages and dialects. Today, on the Road with Luke, let us look at words of Jesus concerning prayer.



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

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

INTROIT 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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2;*(Adapted from Joel 12:12-14)  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And also to you.**

Even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Come, Let us Worship the Lord.

\*HYMN 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us Your word, both in scripture and in Son, You have promised us Your presence, and You have graced us with Your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject Your purposes for us. We do not love what You love. We do not embrace what You embrace. We do not defend what You have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with Your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we may live fully for Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. 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 (11:00) *This Train Goes Marching In*  
Chancel Choir

This train is bound for glory, this train.  
If you ride it you must be holy.  
This train is bound for glory, this train.  
This train don't take your money, this train.  
Pay your way with milk and honey.  
This train don't take your money, this train.  
Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marching in.  
Oh when I hear that trumpet sound,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number (yes I do),  
When I hear that trumpet sound.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

God of all Wisdom and Glory, open us to the work of the Holy Spirit that we may hear Your Word with understanding, grace, and wisdom in this Season of Lent, in Jesus' name, amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 9:51*

When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 11:5-8*

Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

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 735 *I need Thee Every Hour*

SERMON *On the Road with Luke, Door Knockers* Rev. Doughton

\*HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love is This*

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 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* arr. Gregg Sewell  
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 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 227 *Jesus, Remember Me (sung twice)* Jacques Berthier

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

POSTLUDE *What Wondrous Love Is This?* arr. Mark Hayes

*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

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Sheila Hammer (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Eric Schwartz, Susan Farmer,  
and Kirk Dixon (8:45);

Eric Schwartz, Mary Lee Doughton,  
Liz Ramsey, and Mary Claire Doughton (11:00)

## HOLY WEEK AT FPC

*A time for remembering...*

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

*Remembering our Lord's Triumphal Entry*

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

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

Processional with Palms

Chancel Choir singing at both services

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 7:00 p.m.**

*Remembering our Lord's Last Night on Earth*

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Service held in Wilbanks Hall

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 7:00 p.m.**

*Remembering our Lord's Sacrificial Death*

The Scriptural Account of the Crucifixion

"Prayers at the Cross" by Lee and Susan Dengele,

sung by the Chancel Choir

Draping of the Cross

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

*Remembering our Lord's Triumphal Resurrection*

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

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

**Elder Sign-up Sheet has been posted in the hall by  
Rev. Doughton's Office. Please sign-up today!**