

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, May 26 - Special Memorial Day Service

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

Monday, May 27

The Church Office is closed in observance of Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 2

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed both services
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday, June 4

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women will meet at Joe's Pizza and Pasta
308 S. Belt Line Rd, Mesquite - Just down the road, Pls come!

Wednesday, June 5

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

Saturday, June 8 - Saturday, June 15

The Doughton Family will be away

Sunday, June 9 - Guest Preacher - Rev. Josh Maddin

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

Saturday, June 15

9:00 a.m. - Decorate for VBS

Sunday, June 16

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

Wednesday, June 19

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, June 21

9:00 a.m. - Decorate for VBS

Sunday, June 23 - VBS Kick Off

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
5:30 p.m. - VBS Pot luck dinner
6:30 p.m. - VBS Classes for all ages

Monday, June 24 - Thursday, June 27

Morning Missions for Youth TBA

5:45 p.m. - VBS Dinner

6:30 p.m. - VBS Classes for all ages

Sunday, June 30

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



Presbyterian Women and Ladies Who Love the Lord May 2024 Mission Giving

(See the Bulletin Board for more information)

Needed Items

Socks and Underwear - Part of our shower service includes giving our guests fresh clean underwear. We collect **MENS BOXER BRIEFS** all sizes and **WOMENS COTTON UNDERWEAR** all sizes.

We also need **ankle and crew socks for both men and women**.
Clothing - Clothes can be new or used in good condition. We need **men's pants, shorts and shirts**. We are well stocked with women's clothes. We need belts and shoes for both men and women.

Toiletries

- Exam gloves size Large & XL
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Deodorant
- Bug Spray
- Travel Size Conditioner
- Travel Size Foot Powder
- Razor (3+ Blade)
- Washcloths
- Full Size Shampoo
- Full Size Conditioner
- Q-tips



THOSE WHO SERVE

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

May 26, 2023

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

About the Cover Picture

Memorial Day began in the years immediately following the Civil War-or The War Between the States. Ladies would decorate the graves of their respective loved ones in communities in The South and The North. In several towns the ladies would decorate graves from "the other side". Over time this became a widespread custom. "Memorial Day" came as a result.

The poppy became a symbol of remembrance for World War I veterans after Canadian soldier and physician Major John McCrae wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields" in 1915. The poem describes poppies growing among soldiers' graves along the Western Front, which were often churned up by fighting and shelling. The red poppies came to symbolize the blood shed in battle. In time, this flower came to represent a way to honor all who had died in a nation's battle. Today, we can remember those whose sacrifice made our lives today possible.



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THE CHALLENGE



Feeding the Community

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. Our total for May is currently **105** items.

Thank you for your generosity.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *God of Our Fathers* arr. Tedd Smith

INTROIT *O God, Show Mercy to Us (v.1)* Gustav Holst

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with Your grace;
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of Your face,
so that Your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
and unto every people Your saving grace be shown.
Let all the peoples praise You; let all the nations sing;
in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 118:24; Psalm 103:1*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Bless the Lord O, my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name.

*HYMN 336 *We Gather Together*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You Sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from Your truth and from Your holy will. We have failed in love, we have forgotten to be just, and we have turned away from Your wisdom. Forgive our sin and restore us to Your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ, the 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Youth Mission Trip

ANTHEM (11:00) *An American Tribute* Douglas E. Wagner
Chancel Choir

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountains majesties, above the fruited plain.
America, America, God shed his grace on thee,
and crown they good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.
My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
America! America! Of thee I sing.

READING *Prayer for Healing and a Meaningful Life*
adapted from President Jimmy Carter
and President Ronald Reagan

*HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty and All-knowing God, as Your Word is read and preached inspire our minds with strong conviction, give us the courage to act as You call us, and fill us with compassion in our hearts. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Deuteronomy 8:17-18*

Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten 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.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *II Timothy 4:6-8*

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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 337 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee (v.4)*

SERMON *In Remembrance* Rev. Doughton

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

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *tune is "THAXTED"*

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago, Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know; We may not count her armies, we may not see her King; Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering; And soul by soul and silently shining bounds increase; And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

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.

*HYMN 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Reflections on 'America'* Hugh S Livingston, Jr
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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 *Almighty Father, Strong to Save* William Whiting,
Robert Nelson Spencer

Almighty Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who biddest 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 brethren 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 those who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care For every peril in the air.
O Trinity of love and power, Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go; Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *O God, Show Mercy to Us (v.2)* Gustav Holst

For You will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness,
and on the earth all nations will Your just rule confess.
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing.
Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring.
The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessings send,
and all the earth will worship to its remotest end.

*VOLUNTARY *Fantasia on 'Come, Thou Fount'* John Purifoy

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - David Stormer, Phil Johnson,
and Renee Stormer (8:45);

David Stormer, Rodney Graham, Paul Luce,
and Renee Stormer (11:00)