

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, November 24

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 6:00 p.m. - Men's Council Thanksgiving Dinner



Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

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

The Sacrament of the 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
 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Carter BloodCare Mobile Collection Unit
 4:00 p.m. - Decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas



Monday, December 2

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal
 Last Day to Sponsor a Wreath for the graves of the fallen Soldiers



Tuesday, December 3

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle Christmas Gathering

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 p.m. - Joint Officer Meeting in Wilbanks Hall
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent "Peace"

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 5:00 p.m. - Children's Pageant
 6:00 p.m. - Soup with Santa and cookies too.



Monday, December 9

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle Xmas Party @ Susan Farmer's

Saturday, December 14

Time TBA - Wreaths Across America

Sunday, December 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent "Love"

Chancel Choir will present to God their Christmas Cantata at both services

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

Monday, December 16

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Sunday, December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent "Joy"

Jubilate Ringers will present to God their musical praise at both services

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

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve "Christ"

6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas

The Church Office will be closed in celebration of Christmas Day

Sunday, December 29 - Only one worship service will be offered

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School is optional
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service w/Church Officer Installation and Ordination

The Presbyterian Women, along with the Ladies Who Love the Lord, will be participating in Sharing Life's "Warm Campaign" through **January 17th**. We will be collecting **coats, hats, scarves, gloves, long underwear, and blankets**. These can be gently used. If you would like to donate to our mission, you may place your items in the basket in the front hall. Many people need assistance at this time of year. We can make a difference in someone's life. Thank you for your involvement in our community. ~ Susan Farmer, Moderator

99th Annual
 FPC Men's Council
 Thanksgiving Dinner
TODAY! November 24, 2024
 6:00 pm



Tickets are available in the Welcome Center.
 Each ticket is valued at \$6.00 - No family pays more than \$24.00

Our guest speaker will be Reverend Chris Lee,
 Executive Presbyterian of Grace Presbytery

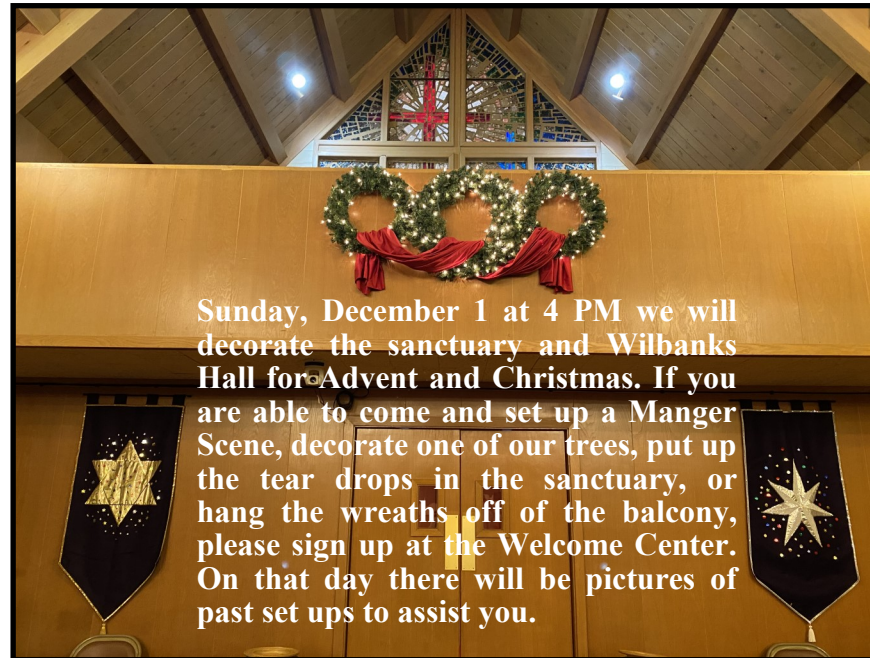


wreathscrossamerica.org

Please help us Remember, Honor, and Teach on Saturday, December 14, by sponsoring a wreath today. Each Wreath is \$17 and \$5 will be returned to our L.I.F.E. Youth to be used for their next Mission Trip.



Thank you,
 TX0524P FPC Mesquite L.I.F.E. Youth Group
Deadline is: December 2, 2024



Sunday, December 1 at 4 PM we will decorate the sanctuary and Wilbanks Hall for Advent and Christmas. If you are able to come and set up a Manger Scene, decorate one of our trees, put up the tear drops in the sanctuary, or hang the wreaths off of the balcony, please sign up at the Welcome Center. On that day there will be pictures of past set ups to assist you.



The Women's Retreat Committee will be starting registration for the Women's Retreat on Sunday, December 1 and December 8, 2024 after both services. Our Women's Retreat will be next year on March 28-30, 2025, Friday thru Sunday at the Prothro Center at Lake Texoma and our speaker will be Rev. Judy Fletcher. Please register as soon as you can so we'll have a good headcount and can plan accordingly. Our committee has been busy planning a lot of exciting activities and we're very excited about it.

Hope to see you there! ~ Gracy Thomas and Committee

THOSE WHO SERVE

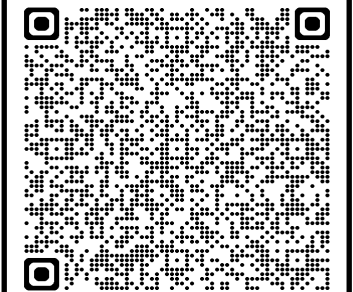
Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
 Ryoji Shimo, Director of Music Ministries/Organist & Pianist
 Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
 Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

November 24, 2024
 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

About the Cover Picture

It is no secret-if you want to see bluebonnets, you have to plant bluebonnet seeds. Even in Ennis, the Bluebonnet Capital of the World-a person needs seeds. Today we will learn more about planting and reaping and what it means for us.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. R Kevin Boesiger

INTROIT 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* Geron Davis
We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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.

Oh Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above in the heavens. When we look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, who are we that You are mindful of us, that You care for us. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

*HYMN 336 *We Gather Together*

*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

ANTHEM (11:00) *All Good Gifts*
Chancel Choir arr. David Schwoebel

Chorus: All good gifts around us
Are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all His love.

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. *[Chorus]*
He only is the Maker of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star;
The wind and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are feed;
Much more to us His children, He gives our daily bread. *[Chorus]*
We thank Thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer for all Thy love imparts,
And what Thou most desires, our humble, thankful hearts. *[Chorus]*
Thank Him for all His love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty and very gracious God, since all our salvation depends upon Your Holy Word; therefore, grant that our hearts may be set free from worldly things, so that we may with all diligence and faith hear Your Word, rightly understand Your gracious will, and in all sincerity live according to the same, to Your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Ephesians 3:14-19*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of His glory, He may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through His Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Galatians 6:7-10*

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

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

*HYMN 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

SERMON *Sow Good* 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Give Thanks, People of God* arr. Kevin Kiel
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 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION


*RESPONSE 709 *God, We Honor You* James 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 *The Master Has Called Us* arr. Ross Anderson

Following the Response we will have our Postlude. Please be seated.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - John Futrell (8:45); Brenda Greer (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Madison Marin, Taylor Hammer,
Schyler Marin, and Sheila Hammer



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 **86 items. Thank You!**

Sunday, December 1, 2024 is our next Blood Drive.

Please use this QR Code to sign-up.

This drive will have 30 slots for donors, our goal is to have at least 20 or more successful donors.

The need for donors right now is important, and our drive will help the community.

Let's be mission-minded and save lives through our donation of blood.

