

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, January 12

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
 9:45 a.m. - Missionary, 007 - Speaking in Wilbanks Hall

### Monday, January 13

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Tuesday, January 14

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee (\*2nd Tuesday)  
 7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in the Enquiry Classroom

### Wednesday, January 15

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Begins - Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - Classes  
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 16

7:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee Meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

### Sunday, January 19

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

### Monday, January 20

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Tuesday, January 21

7:15 p.m. - Session Meeting (\*3rd Tuesday)

### Wednesday, January 22

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Begins - Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - Classes  
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, January 26

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  
 6:00 p.m. - Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting

### Monday, January 27 to Wednesday, January 29

Rev. Doughton will be at a conference for continuing education

### Monday, January 27

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Wednesday, January 29

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Classes  
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 2 - Scout Sunday

*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  
 9:45 a.m. - Missionary, Donald Marsden and Ukrainian Pastor, Valentin Siniy -  
 Speaking in Wilbanks Hall

### Monday, February 3

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Tuesday, February 4

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women morning circle  
 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women evening circle (Potluck)

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 @ 6:00 P.M.

Please join us for a potluck supper and annual meeting on Sunday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m.

If you are a committee chair, please submit your annual report for 2024 to Renée Stormer by January 15.



The Presbyterian Women, along with the Ladies Who Love the Lord, are participating in Sharing Life's "Warm Campaign" through **January 17th**. We are 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

The sudden wintry weather put Sharing Life in an emergency situation. We packed everything we had, and Mary Lee delivered the goods. For those of you that still have items to donate, we will send them with the LWLTL donations on Jan. 18th.



### 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

January 12, 2025

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

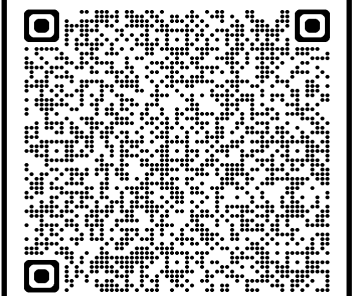
### About the Cover Picture

This view comes not from the Holy Land-it comes from Garvan Gardens in the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas. In such a setting it is easy to sit back and reflect on life. Ecclesiastes gives us a series of essays, sermons, and reflections. This series examines living faithfully in light of the some unsettling realities of every day life. Today we return to this book to approach another essay of faithful reflection.



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### 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 January we've collected ?? items. **Thank You!**



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. John Purifoy

INTROIT 452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloche  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You; I want to see You;  
to see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy"  
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*  
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 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and Holy God, We come before You in heartfelt confession, acknowledging that we are a broken people, living in a broken world. This world is dark with the stain of sin. Your design for creation has been corrupted by the abuse of power, the appetite for things, and the enslavement of our wills. We allow evil to go unchallenged, and become passive and indifferent to Your call to engage the world with the Gospel. Forgive our sinfulness. Our sins of commission and omission have separated us from You, from others, and from the world You seek to redeem. 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 *(8:45) Carol Around (And a Round)* Carl J. Nygard, Jr.  
Chancel Choir  
Dona nobis pacem.

The first Noël the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:  
It came upon a midnight clear,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
That glorious song of old, of old,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
From angels bending near the earth,  
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël,  
To touch their harps of gold.  
Born is the King of Israel.  
*(continued)*

Away in a Manger, no crib for a bed.  
They looked up on Christmas day, on Christmas day,  
And saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
Born is the King of Israel.  
Sing We Now of Christmas,  
The Lord is born.  
Amen, amen.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Lord, take Your Word and apply it to our minds that we not grow shallow, apply it to our hearts that we not grow cold, and apply it to our feet that we might not just be hearers of Your Word but doers also. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 12:13-21*

Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But He said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And He said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then He told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Ecclesiastes 6:10-12*

Whatever has come to be has already been named, and it is known what human beings are, and that they are not able to dispute with those who are stronger. The more words, the more vanity, so how is one the better? For who knows what is good for mortals while they live the few days of their vain life, which they pass like a shadow? For who can tell them what will be after them under the sun?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MOMENT FOR MISSION *Missionary Presentation*

\*HYMN 693 *Though I May Speak*

SERMON *Life Lessons: How is One Better?* 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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* 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 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 701 *Lord, Prepare Me* arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore  
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

POSTLUDE *The Church's One Foundation* Samuel L. Wesley

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

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elder #** - Amanda Aynes *(8:45)*; Paul Luce *(11:00)*

**Deacon/Ushers †** - Dallas Ward, Rodney Graham, Michael Lee,  
and Robbie Lee *(8:45)*;

Dallas Ward, Rodney Graham, Mary Claire Doughton,  
and Zoe Futrell *(11:00)*