

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, January 19

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 5:00 p.m. - Youth Gathering

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. - Presbyterian 101 Class led by Rev. Doughton
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 24 - Sunday, January 26

TBA - Youth to SHYC (Senior High Youth Connection at Austin College)

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. - Presbyterian 101 Class led by Pete Allen
 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
 12:15 p.m. - Mandatory Youth/Parent Meeting

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)

Wednesday, February 5

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner
 6:30 p.m. - Study on Friedman's Fables led by Sue Bohmer
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 9 - Souper Bowl of Caring

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 5:30 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 10

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 11

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting (*2nd Tuesday)
 7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner
 6:30 p.m. - Study on Friedman's Fables led by Sue Bohmer
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 16

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



Annual Congregational Dinner/Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting is Sunday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m.

We ask that you join us to hear reports from each committee as a review of 2024.

Please bring your favorite covered dish to share with others.

On Sunday, February 2, we will welcome Donald Marsden and Valentin Siniy to our church. They will speak in both worship services and Donald will assist with Communion that day. They will also speak in Wilbanks Hall during the Sunday School hour.

Donald Marsden, is a missionary with Frontier Fellowship, and Valentin Siniy, is a pastor from Ukraine and the director of a Seminary called Tavrizski Christian Institute. The seminary was forced to evacuate Kherson in 2022 when Russia invaded. They were originally displaced to a western Ukrainian city called Ivano-Frankivsk, but now are relocated in Kyiv.



On Sunday, February 9 the L.I.F.E. Youth will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations. All Contributions will be given to Sharing Life.

Won't you help us Tackle Hunger and score a goal in our area for those in need in 2025.

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



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 **98 items**. 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

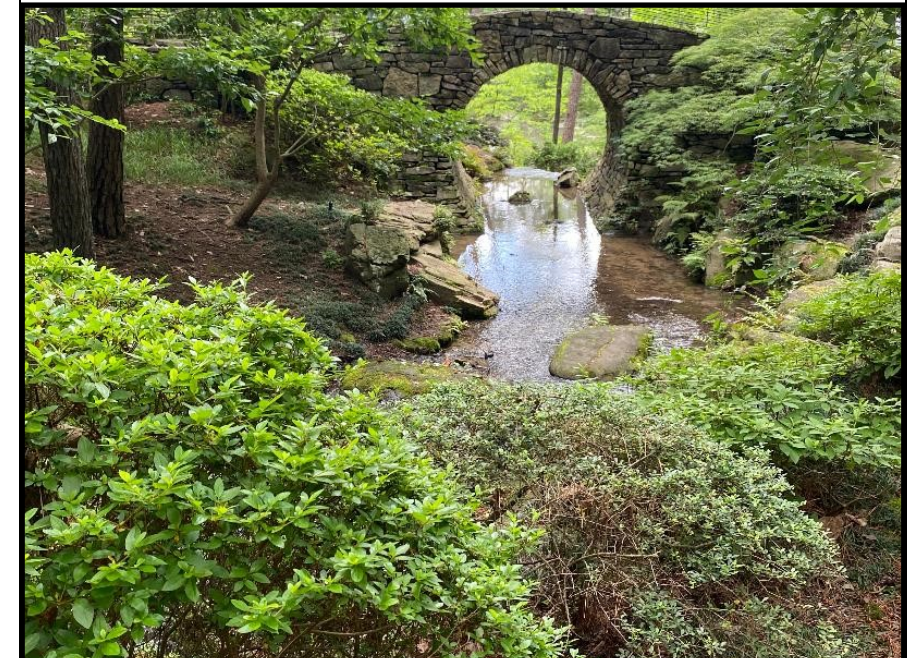
GUIDE TO WORSHIP

January 19, 2025

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

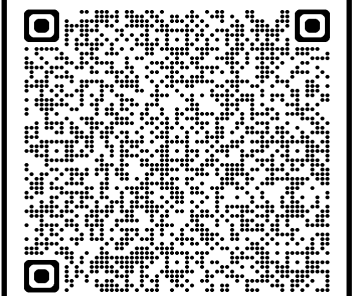
About the Cover Picture

Here we have another view of Garvan Gardens in the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas. Here one can see The Bridge of the Full Moon. This is the kind of place that invites reflection. Today we return to Ecclesiastes as the Teacher gives us a most unusual set of proverbs to ponder.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* arr. John Turner

INTROIT 654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Jacques Berthier
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 34:1, 22, 3*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

We will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in our mouths. The Lord redeems the lives of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned. O magnify the Lord with me and let us worship His name together.

*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, this morning we bring You our confession. We confess we have gone astray. Shepherd us, Lord. We confess we often love You half-heartedly. Make us whole, Lord. We confess we trivialize Your sacrifice. Give us perspective, Lord. We confess we find most of our strength in ourselves. Be our strength, Lord. We confess little zeal for Your glory. Give us passion, Lord. We confess we've done so many things wrong. Forgive us, Lord. We confess we often don't love You well. Love us, Lord. Hear our prayers, O Lord. We ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ, who exchanges our confession for abundant life in Him. 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*) *In the Bleak Midwinter* Gustav Holst,
Chancel Choir arr. Albin C Whitworth

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.

Our God heaven cannot hold Him, Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter A stable place sufficed
The Lord god Almighty Jesus, Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

What can I give Him; Give Him my heart.

What can I give Him; Give Him my heart.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Knowing, Gracious God, challenge our minds where they need to be challenged, encourage our wills where they need encouragement, comfort our hearts where they need comforting in Jesus' name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 16:33

I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!"

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 7:1-3, 14

A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death, than the day of birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for this is the end of everyone, and the living will lay it to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of countenance the heart is made glad. In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider; God has made the one as well as the other, so that mortals may not find out anything that will come after them.

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 702

Christ Be Beside Me

SERMON

Life Lessons: It Is 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

Immortal, Invisible
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist

arr. David Paxton

*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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 743

O God, You Are My God

David Strasser

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me,

and I will follow You all of my days.

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah arr. Maureen Howell

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Brian Neece (*8:45*); Sheila Hammer (*11:00*)

Deacon/Ushers † - John Futrell, Campbell Futrell, and Larry Thomas (*8:45*);

John Futrell, Campbell Futrell, Linda Fricke, and Elna Singleton (*11:00*)