

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Monday, February 17

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 18

7:15 p.m. - Joint Officers Meeting (*3rd Tuesday)

Wednesday, February 19

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 23

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
 5:00 p.m. - Youth Gathering
 6:00 p.m. - Church Night Supper - speaker Kenny Rigoulet, Camp Gilmont



Annual Congregational Dinner/Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting is tonight, 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 118 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 26, 2025

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

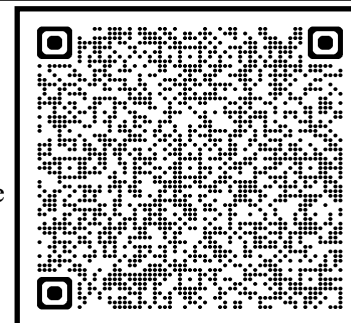
About the Cover Picture

Some people call the Biltmore House in North Carolina "America's Castle". It is palatial. During the next several weeks we will look at "Life in the Palace" through the Books of Daniel and Esther. We will see how these two people from the edge served faithfully in challenging times.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* arr. Lloyd Larson

INTROIT 403 (vs.1) *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* Joachim Neander
Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 81:1-2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Raise a song, sound the tambourine, and the sweet lyre. Sing aloud to God our strength.

*HYMN 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, Your love for us is so very evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of Your great care for us. Yet, when it comes to following You, we confess that we often don't surrender our entire selves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control instead of releasing them to Your loving care. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Forgive us for frequently saying one thing and doing another. May our words and our actions line up. Make us willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, knowing full well that You will never leave us or forsake us. We pray this humbly, in Christ's Name. 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) *Go Tell It On the Mountain* arr. Robert Lau
Chancel Choir

Chorus: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night;
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Chorus

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Chorus

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All knowing God, Your Word is sharper than a two-edged sword. As we hear it read and preached today may it pierce any walls that would keep us from hearing Your Word to us. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-4

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days He was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, He was famished. The devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, "One does not live by bread alone.' "

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 1:8-9

But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the royal rations of food and wine; so he asked the palace master to allow him not to defile himself. Now God allowed Daniel to receive favor and compassion from the palace master.

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 175

Seek Ye First

SERMON

God Allowed

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.

ANTHEM *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* arr. James C Smith
Jubilate Ringers

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

Seek Ye First
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist

arr. John Purifoy

*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 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Stuart Dauermann

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands. And all trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE

You Shall Go Out With Joy

Geoffrey Andrews

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - George Venner (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Madison Marin, Schyler Marin

Kirk Dixon, and Beverlee Witty (8:45);

Madison Marin, Schyler Marin, Amanda Aynes

and Mary Lee Doughton (11:00)

2024 Year End Contribution Reports

Please find the end of the year contribution reports in the Welcome Center. We are so grateful for each of you and for the generous support you have shown the church.