

**NEED TO KNOW COLUMN**

**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

**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  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth (Mission Bulletin Board)

**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. - Bible Study  
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, February 23**

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast - Rev. Dr. Paul Burns, speaker  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth Gathering  
6:00 p.m. - Church Night Supper - speaker Kenny Rigoulet, Camp Gilmont

**Monday, February 24**

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

**Wednesday, February 26**

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

**Sunday, March 2**

*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



**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 n February, we have collected **50 items. Thank You!**

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

**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.



Today, 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.



**\* Wednesday Night Live \***  
*Join us for Winter 2025*

Join us for Wednesday Night Live. Don't miss out on an always delicious dinner prepared by Chef Rod beginning at 5:45 p.m. All adult classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Session 2 - February 5th and 12th**

Adult Class: Sue Bohmer will lead a two-part class on Friedman's Fables.

**Session 2 - February 19th and 26th**

Adult Class: Dr. Carol Stephenson will lead a two-part class on Women of the Bible.

**Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday - Worship Service 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.**

**Session 3 - March 12th, through April 9th**

Adult Class: Rev. Doughton will lead a Lenten Bible Study Series. Dr. Carol Stephenson will lead on March 19th.

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?

Date	Main Dish	Side	Side	Side	Dessert
12-Feb	French Bread Pizza	Pasta/Sauce	Salad		Preacher Cake
19-Feb	Spaghetti	Garlic Bread	Salad		Texas Sheet Cake
26-Feb	Mayo Parmesan Chicken	Broccoli Cheese Casserole	Salad	Bread	Pecan Cobbler
5-Mar	Chicken Pot Pie		Salad	Bread	German Choc Poke Cake
12-Mar	Beef/Chicken Fazitas	Mexican Rice	Beans	Salad	Chocolate Chip Cookies
19-Mar	Sloppy Joes	Mac and Cheese	Potato Chips	Salad	Brownies/Ice Cream
26-Mar	Salisbury Steak	Mashed Potatoes	Corn	Salad/Bread	Butter Cake
2-Apr	Rotisserie Chicken	Baked Potatoes	Salad	Bread	Banana Pudding
9-Apr	CIcis Pizza		Salad	Bread	Ice Cream Sundaes

Youth First Wednesdays are Jan. 15, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9

**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**

**February 9, 2025**

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

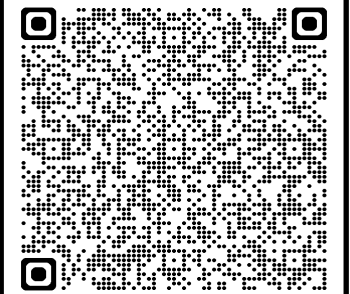
**About the Cover Picture**

Today we look at the story of Meshach, Shadrach, and Abed-nego in the Fiery Furnace. While I could not find any "furnace" pictures, I did find this picture from one of the kitchens at the Biltmore. This kitchen was the hot kitchen. However, it did not get as hot as that furnace!



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Barbara Boertje

INTROIT 175 (vs 1) *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty  
Seek Ye first the Kingdom of God and Its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 96:1-2*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### And also to you.

Let us Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

\*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have done those things that which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O Merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your 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 #

MOMENT FOR MISSION Souper Bowl of Caring

ANTHEM (8:45) Devotion  
Chancel Choir

I am Thine, O Lord - I have heard Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith  
And be closer drawn to Thee.  
Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,  
By the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope  
And my will be lost in Thine.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer  
To Thy precious, precious bleeding side.

(Continued)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
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Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious, Loving and All knowing God, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 14:25-33*

Now large crowds were traveling with Him; and He turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to Me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Daniel 3:17-18*

If our God Whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let Him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

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 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

SERMON *Our God Whom We Serve* 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 *Seek Ye First* arr. John Purifoy  
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 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 542 (vs.1) *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Wm. G. Tomer

God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace* arr. Jack Schrader

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

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); William Richardson (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Rafael Villafana, Schyler Marin,  
Gina Villafana, and Madison Marin

Youth Readers ♦ - Zoe Futrell (8:45); Mary Claire Doughton (11:00)



Our next Fellowship Event is February 23, 2025, at 6PM. We will host speaker Kenny Rigoulet of Camp Gilmont. This will be a covered dish dinner, please bring your favorite, meat, side dish, salad, or dessert to share.