

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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) in the Genesis Classroom

### Wednesday, February 19

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study - Dr. Carol Stephenson - Women of the Bible  
 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

### Tuesday, February 25

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

### Wednesday, February 26

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study - Dr. Carol Stephenson - Women of the Bible  
 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

### Monday, March 3

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 4

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle  
 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle w/ Pot Luck Supper

### Wednesday, March 5

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner  
 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary  
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, March 9

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

### Monday, March 10

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 11

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee mtg in the Crossroads Class  
 7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee meeting

### Wednesday, March 12

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - WNL Lenten Study led by Rev. Doughton  
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal



### 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 February, we have collected **81 items. Thank You!**



## \* 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 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 Casserole		Butter Cake
2-Apr	Rotisserie Chicken	Baked Potatoes	Salad	Bread	Banana Pudding
9-Apr	CiCi's Pizza		Salad	Bread	Ice Cream Sundaes

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

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



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.

### 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.

### 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 16, 2025

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

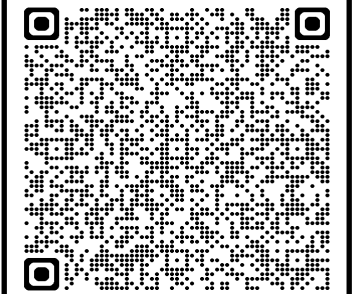
### About the Cover Picture

Today on the cover one can see pictures from Mrs. Vanderbilt's bedroom, the gym, and the swimming pool at Biltmore House. These views represent efforts to maintain physical health and beauty. This is a far stretch from life in the Persian palace. However, these images come to mind as I think of Esther's preparation. The first chapters of Esther are all about preparation. Today we will examine the setting of this powerful story.



### ONLINE GIVING OPTION

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Franklin Ritter

INTROIT 613 *O Lord, Our Lord* Michael W. Smith  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O earth, O Lord, we praise your name.  
O Lord, we magnify your name: Prince of Peace,  
mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 18:1-3*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### And also to you.

We love You, Lord, our strength. The Lord is our fortress, and our deliver, our God, our rock in Whom we take refuge, our shield, our stronghold, and the horn of our salvation. Let us call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised.

\*HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal, Almighty, and Merciful God; our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by those in need. O God, in Your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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*) *Devotion* John Ness Beck  
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.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious and All-Knowing God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, feet to act as we hear Your word read and preached in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 3:21-22*

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Esther 2:5-7*

Now there was a Jew in the citadel of Susa whose name was Mordecai son of Jair son of Shimei son of Kish, a Benjaminite. Kish had been carried away from Jerusalem among the captives carried away with King Jeconiah of Judah, whom King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had carried away. Mordecai had brought up Hadassah, that is Esther, his cousin, for she had neither father nor mother; the girl was fair and beautiful, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai adopted her as his own daughter.

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 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

SERMON *For Such a Moment as This* 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 *Grateful* Mark Hayes  
Pianist, Ryoji Shimpo

\*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 838 *Standing on the Promises*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 741 (*vs. 1*) *Guide My Feet* Wm. G. Tomer  
Guide my feet while I run this race;  
guide my feet while I run this race;  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

POSTLUDE *My Shepherd will Supply My Need* arr. Ron Boud

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

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elder #** - Sheila Hammer (*8:45*); Brenda Greer (*11:00*)  
**Deacon/Ushers †** - David Hammons, Bryan Sanders,  
and Taylor Hammer (*8:45*)  
David Hammons, Bryan Sanders, Taylor Hammer,  
and Sheila Hammer (*11:00*)

