

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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 - Rev. 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
 7:15 p.m. - Joint Officers Stated Meeting in the Geneva Classroom

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. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle w/ Pot Luck Supper
 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



Our next Blood Drive is Sunday, March 16th.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
 Ryoji Shimo, Director of Music Ministries/Organist & Pianist
 Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
 Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus



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.



* 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 Casserole	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



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 114 items. Thank You!

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

February 23, 2025

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

About the Cover Picture

Today we have two very different pictures. At the top we see the Historic Hermitage Presbyterian Church near Andrew Jackson's home, The Hermitage, is near Nashville, Tn. Andrew Jackson gave the land, Rachel Jackson was one of the eight charter members. President Jackson joined in 1839.



The second picture comes from America's Palace, The Biltmore. Guests of the Vanderbilts stayed on the third floor. This space gave them their own living room where they could read, reflect, or visit amongst themselves.

In our lesson today, Esther asks for days of prayer and fasting. As I think of the people pray-

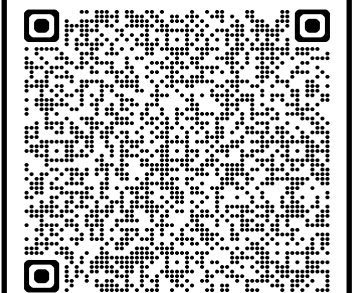
ing, fasting, and reflecting-I think of this living room as a place of private reflection.

As this passage comes near to faith-I picked this church. Those gathered could pray and reflect as well. Maybe here is where Rachel found the strength to speak to her strong willed husband when he needed to hear the wisdom of another.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World* arr. Richard A. Williamson

INTROIT 621 *I Will Call upon the Lord* Michael O'Shields

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God be exalted.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 149:1-4*

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Praise the Lord, Sing to the Lord a new song, Let the children rejoice in their King, Let them praise Him by making melody, For the Lord takes pleasure in His people.

*HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You loved us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of Grace, help us to recognize and admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent turn to You, and receive forgiveness: through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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) *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel* arr. Roger Emerson

Chancel Choir

Refrain:

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel.

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man? (x2)

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den,

Jonah from the belly of a whale,

And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace,

Then why not every man?

[refrain]

I set my foot on the gospel ship, and the ship began to sail;

It landed me over on Canaan's shore,

And I'll never come back no more.

[refrain]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing God-as we hear Your word read and preached may it startle us from our status quo, may it heal us where we are wounded, and may it inspire us where we are discouraged. May it light our paths and lead us to a new day in Jesus' name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #

Luke 4:16-21

When He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, He went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was His custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He Has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. Then He began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON #

Esther 4:15-17

Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

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 802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

SERMON *For Such a Time 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 *Meditation on "St. Columbia"* arr. David Paxton
Pianist, Ryoji Shimpō

*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 737

Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE 443 (vs.1) *There Is a Redeemer* Melody Green

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

POSTLUDE *There Is a Redeemer* arr. Joel Ramey

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)

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

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



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**MANY BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOURS!
L.I.F.E. YOUTH GROUP 2025**

Feel free to use a sticky note to jot down a Bible verse and mark the page in this Bible with the note. i.e. *Mark 16:15*

These Bible verses will be shared with the Youth during the 2025 Mission Trip.