

## FLOWERS

A special THANK YOU to Lynda Ward for the floral arrangements in honor of our "50th" Wedding Anniversary on March 1, 2025.  
Cindy and Gerald Jenkins

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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

5:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting  
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  
12:15 p.m. - Spaghetti Luncheon and Silent Auction Fundraiser (YMT 2025)

### 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  
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 13

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

### Sunday, March 16

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Carter BloodCare Mobile Blood Drive  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages



### Monday, March 17 to Saturday, March 22

Rev. Doughton and his family will be away for Spring Break

### Monday, March 17

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 19



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Our next Blood Drive is Sunday, March 16th.



Join us for worship, Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, as we begin the Lenten Season.



### \* 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.

### 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	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 Youth collected 31 non-perishable items and \$453.00 for the Souper Bowl of Caring. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our total items collected for February was 138 items. Thank you to all who contributed!

### 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

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

March 2, 2025

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

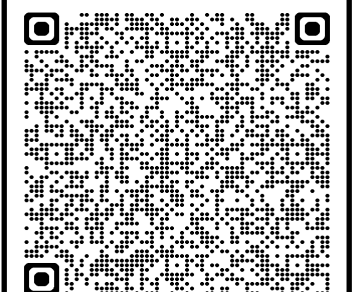
### About the Cover Picture

Here we see the Banquet Table at the Biltmore House-America's Palace. Today we reach the conclusion of the Story of Esther- "For Such an Outcome as This." It all begins at a Banquet that she hosts.



### ONLINE GIVING OPTION

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Holy, Holy, Holy arr. John Purifoy

INTROIT 368 *We Fall Down* Chris Tomlinson

We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus:  
the greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy.

And we cry holy, holy, holy.

And we cry holy, holy, holy, is the Lamb.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 136:1*

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

**And also to you.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever.

\*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; in Jesus Christ You called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what You command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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) *Remember Me* Gene Grier & Lowell Everson  
Chancel Choir

There was a body so broken and dead,  
Dead for all to see.

He saved my life and my soul, and he said,  
"Eat, remember me."

Remember me and eat the bread that is giv'n for you.  
Remember me and know you are with God.

There was a fountain of blood that was shed,  
Shed to set me free.

He washed away all my sins and he said,  
"Drink, remember me."

Remember me and drink the wine that is giv'n for you.  
Remember me and know you are with God.

There is one Saviour, one body, one blood for eternity.  
He died and rose from the grave and he said,  
"Live, remember me."

Remember me and life the life that is giv'n for you.  
Remember me and know you are with God.

Remember me and life the life that is giv'n for you.  
Remember me and know you are with God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty and All-knowing God, as Your Word is read and preached inspire our minds with strong conviction, give us the courage to act as You call us, and fill us with compassion in our heart. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*Luke 20:9-19*

He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to another country for a long time. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. And he sent still a third; this one also they wounded and threw out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, "What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, "This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Heaven forbid!" But he looked at them and said, "What then does this text mean: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*Esther 8:1-2*

On that day King Ahasuerus gave to Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews; and Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her. Then the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. So Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

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 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SERMON *For Such an Outcome as This* Rev. Doughton

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The Gifts We Bring* David Paxton  
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 †

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The 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.**

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN 841

*God Is My Strong Salvation*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 546 (*vs.1*)

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessings*

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;

fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each,  
Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.

POSTLUDE *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. Hugh S Livingston, Jr.

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

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**Elder #** - Larry Thomas (8:45); Jan Sloan (11:00)

**Deacon/Ushers †** - John Futrell, Campbell Futrell,  
and Robbie Lee (8:45)

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



**YOUTH MISSION TRIP  
MILWAUKEE, WI**

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WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND SUPPORT AS WE VENTURE OUT TO BE JESUS'S HANDS AND FEET, SPREADING HIS WORD THROUGH OUR SUMMER MISSION WORK!

**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.