

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. - WNL Lenten Study led by Dr. Carol Stephenson  
 6:30 p.m. - Youth Sunday Practice, Youth Hall  
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, March 23

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast (Bibles in the Classroom - Bruce Spurling)  
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Youth Gathering

### Monday, March 24

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 25

7:15 p.m. - Joint Officer meeting in the side room of Wilbanks Hall

### Wednesday, March 26

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

### Friday, March 28 - Sunday, March 30

Women's Retreat

### Sunday, March 30

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

### Monday, March 31

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

### Tuesday, April 1

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle  
 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

### Wednesday, April 2

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


### Saturday, April 5

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - All Church Workday



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Sunday, March 16th.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

\* 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 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
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



Bruce Spurling of "Bible in the Classroom" will speak at the March 23rd Men's Council Breakfast at 7:30 AM. He will also speak about his work with a prison ministry as well. This should be an inspiring and informative presentation. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship.



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. Our total items collected for Thus far in March is **86 items**. Thank you to all who contributed!

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

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

### About the Cover Picture

Here we see the Billiard Room at the Biltmore House. Today we read Jesus's encouragement for the disciples to love one another. This is a sibling like and sacrificial kind of love. Thoughtfulness, skill, patience, and purpose determine success in billiards and community love. Today we can learn more about this connection and others.



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Lloyd Larson

INTROIT 709 *God, We Honor You* James E Clemens

God, we honor You. God, we trust in You.  
God, we worship and adore You.  
Take what we bring, offered to You.  
Teach us to show Your abundant blessings.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; \*(Adapted from Joel 12:12-14)*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### And also to you.

Even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord Your God, for the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Come, Let us Worship the Lord.

\*HYMN 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us Your Word, You have promised us Your presence, and You have graced us with Your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject Your purposes for us. We do not love what You love. We do not embrace what You embrace. We do not defend what You have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with Your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we may live fully for Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. 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) *Love Your Neighbor* Michael Helman  
Chancel Choir

Refrain: You shall love the Lord your God  
With all your heart and all your soul,  
With all your mind and all your strength,  
And love your neighbor as yourself.

May your love move us to action:  
Feed the hungry, clothe the poor,  
Take away our blind indifference  
To the needy at our door.

Refrain  
(continued)

Grant us eyes to see the wounded,  
Ears to hear their cries of pain;  
Fill our hearts with your compassion,  
So we'll serve all in your name.

Refrain

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

God of all Wisdom and Glory, open us to work of the Holy Spirit that we may hear Your Word with understanding, grace, and wisdom in this Season of Lent in Jesus name, Amen.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 12:12-13*

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!"

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 13:34-35*

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 735 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

SERMON *Love One Another* Rev. Doughton

\*HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

## 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 *St. Patrick's Day* Tune from Playford's  
Pianist, Ryoji Shimpo Dancing Master

## \*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 213

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 227 (sung twice) *Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

POSTLUDE *Danny Boy*  
Traditional Irish: "Londonderry Air"

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

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP


Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Sheila Hammer (11:00)

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

Rodney VanSickle, Harriet Jones, Liz Ramsey, and Paul Luce (11:00)

## FLOWERS

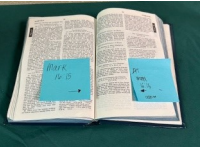
The flowers that adorn the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God by Paula and John Kusewitt in honor of their 27th wedding anniversary.



Youth Mission Trip 2025  
Milwaukee, WI

Silent Donation Instructions are beside the Bible in front of the Paint Bucket Board.

We are thankful for your donations and support as we go out to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



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.

## 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