

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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 w/ Jubilate Ringers
- 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

- 7:15 a.m. - Rodeo Parade Fundraiser for Youth - Meet in north parking lot
- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - All Church Workday

Sunday, April 6

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
- 12:15 p.m. - Men's Council fundraiser - Chili Luncheon

Monday, April 7

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 8

- 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting in Crossroads
- 7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in Enquiry Classroom

Wednesday, April 9

- 5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (last WNL for the season)
- 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 12

- T/B/D - Easter Egg Hunt in the Dark - Wilbanks Hall

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

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

Monday, April 14

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 15

- 7:15 p.m. - Joint Officers Meeting in the side room of Wilbanks Hall



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.

*What's on the Menu
for Wednesday Night Dinners?*

Date	Main Dish	Side	Side	Side	Dessert
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

HOLY WEEK




Holy Week Schedule

April 13: Palm Sunday 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

April 17: Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

April 18: Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

April 20: Easter 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



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!

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

March 23, 2025

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

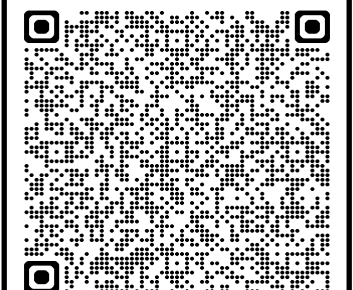
About the Cover Picture

Today we can see two sets of stairs at the Biltmore. We see the Grand Staircase. We see backstairs that all could use. These stairs served as guides for family, guests, and staff to find their way. Though the house is big and even mysterious, these stairs are safe routes. Today we will see Jesus' promise to us to be our safe way.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Crusaders' Hymn* arr. Don Phillips
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 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*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 *Larghetto in D Minor* Michael Mazzatena
Jubilate Ringers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all Wisdom and Glory, open us to the 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 14:1-6

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going. "Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

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 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

SERMON *Trust Him* Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 518 *Your Only Son*

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.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Be Not Afraid* Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.

Refrain: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.

Refrain

My love for you is everlasting,
My love for you shall have no end.

Refrain

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Softly and Tenderly* arr. Michael Cox
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 †

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
OF ELDERS AND DEACONS (8:45)

Please See Insert

*HYMN 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 227 (sung twice)

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

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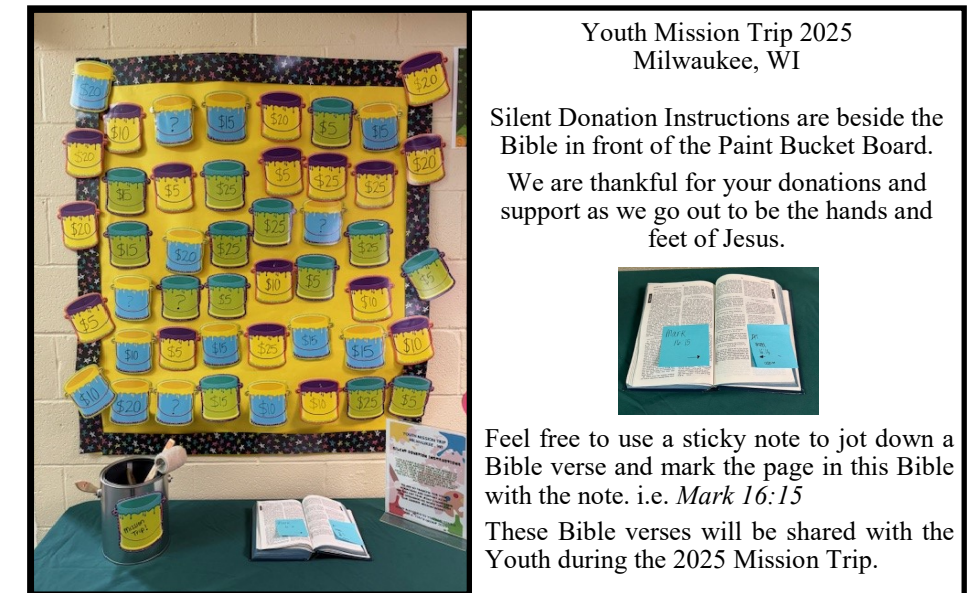
POSTLUDE *The Church's One Foundation* arr. Clarence Kohlmann

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Meg GarverHamilton (8:45); Jan Sloan (11:00)

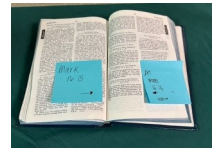
Deacon/Ushers † - Rafael Villafana, Schyler Marin, Gina Villafana,
and Madison Marin



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.