NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

7:30 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

Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service in Wilbanks Hall

Friday, April 18

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 20

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday, April 22

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Spring Birthday Celebration All Women are invited (Dinner will be provided)

Saturday, April 26

7:30 a.m. - Set up Garage Sale

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Garage Sale

3:00 p.m. - Clean up Garage Sale



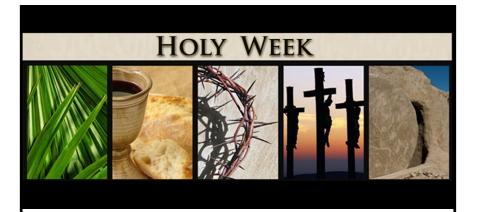
Wednesday Night LiveJoin us for Winter 2025

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.





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 **156 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 30, 2025

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

About the Cover Picture

We take a break from the Biltmore House this week as Bluebonnets make their first appearances. Bluebonnets and Indian Paint Brushes thrive as they abide in the soil of Texas. Take them out of the ground and remove water-they will die. Today we will look at the Call of Jesus to abide in Him.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Rex Koury

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, 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 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*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

A Vineyard Grows

K.Lee Scott,

Chancel Choir arr. Scott Hyslop
Amid the world's bleak wilderness

A vineyard grows with promise green,
The planting of the Lord himself, The planting of the Lord.

His love selected this terrain,
His vine with love he planted here
To bear the choicest fruit for him, The choicest fruit for him.

We are his branches, chosen, dear, And though we feel the dresser's knife, We are the objects of his care, The objects of his care.

(continued)

From him we draw the juice of life,
For him supply his winery
With fruit from which true joy derive.
Vine keep what I was meant to be:

Vine, keep what I was meant to be: Your branch, with your rich life in me.

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 15:1-11

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in Me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit He prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from Me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in Me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. I have said these things to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

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 463 How Firm a Foundation

SERMON Abide with Him Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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

How Firm a Foundation Pianist, Ryoji Shimpo

arr. Paul Davis

*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 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*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 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Lloyd Larson

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - William Richardson (8:45); Eric Schwartz (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - David Hammons, Bryan Sanders,
Taylor Hammer, and Sheila Hammer



Egg Hunt in the Dark

We need your help! We are doing it a bit different this year. We are Hunting Eggs in the dark!

We are asking for candy filled eggs and glow sticks. (These are dollar store items).

Please help us shine our light for Jesus!