

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Sheila Hammer (11:00)
Ushers † - Rod Graham, Dallas Ward, Michael Lee, and Robbie Lee (8:45);
 Rod Graham, Dallas Ward, Mary Claire Doughton, and Zoe Futrell (11:00)

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, May 18 - Senior Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 12:00 p.m. - Senior Graduation Luncheon (everyone is invited)

Tuesday, May 20

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

Wednesday, May 21

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Saturday, May 24 through Saturday, May 31

Rev. Doughton and Family will be away on Vacation

Sunday, May 25 - Guest Preacher - Rev. Josh Maddin

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

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day

The Church Office will be closed

Wednesday, May 28

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, June 1

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

Tuesday, June 3

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 4

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Saturday, June 7 through Saturday, June 14

The Youth and Sponsors will be away on the 2025 Mission Trip

Sunday, June 8 - Guest Preacher Rev. Jim Witherow

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

Tuesday, June 10

7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 11

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, June 15

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

Tuesday, June 17

7:15 p.m. - Joint Officer's Meeting in the side room off Wilbanks Hall

Wednesday, June 18

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, June 22

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 5:30 p.m. - VBS Kickoff Pot Luck Dinner
 6:20 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. VBS Classes



The Futrell Family and The Mauldin Family, with the Christian Education Committee invite you to a Senior Graduation Luncheon on Sunday, May 18, after the 11:00 a.m. Worship service in Wilbanks Hall. A light lunch will be served. Come Celebrate Our 2025 Seniors: ZOE FUTRELL AND JULIA MAULDIN




2025 First Presbyterian Youth Mission Trip T-shirt Project
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Sunday, June 22 through Thursday, June 26
 Watch for Sign-up information 2025 VBS
 Dinner at 5:45 p.m.
 Classes at 6:20 p.m.
 Dismissal at 8:30 p.m.

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

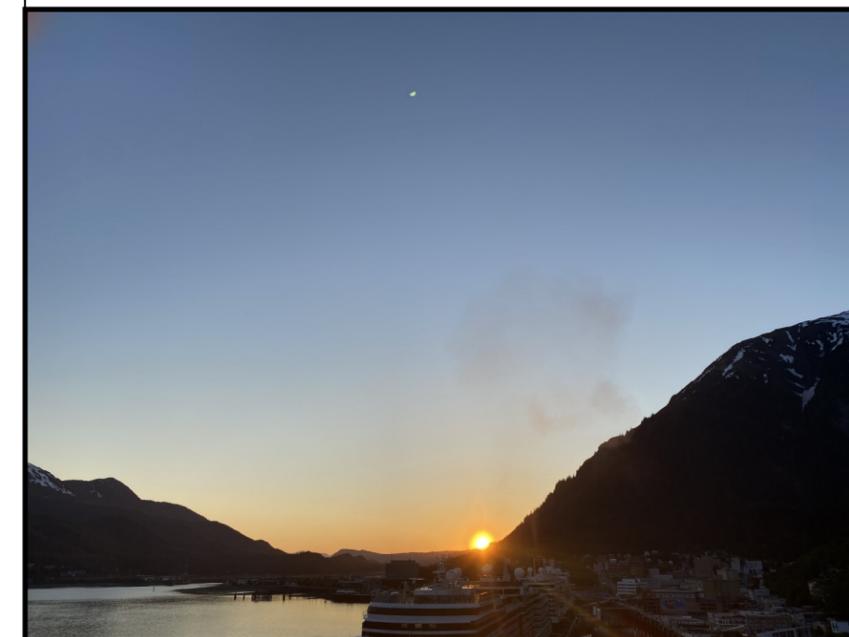
GUIDE TO WORSHIP

May 18, 2025

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

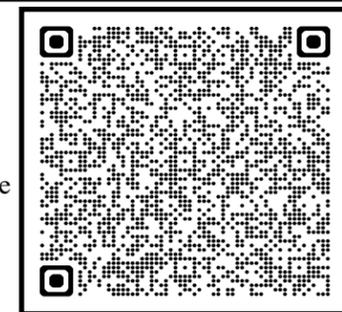
About the Cover Picture

The glimpse of the sun over and through a mountain range points to something glorious ahead. Today, we will look at future glory as covered in Romans 8.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Lloyd Larson

INTROIT 243 *Be Not Afraid* Jacques Berthier
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*
Grace and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also to you.

The Lord has done great things for us already; therefore, we rejoice. The merciful and gracious Lord has done His marvelous works that they ought to be remembered. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Might, Mercy, and Compassion; in Jesus Christ we behold Your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Focused on ourselves, we fail to see Your work in the world. We speak when we should listen, we act when we should reflect. Give us strength to live in Your light and to walk in Your ways, for the sake of Him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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) *All Things Work Together For Good* John Carter
Chancel Choir

All things work together for good to those who love the Lord.
To those who are called according to his purpose,
All things work together for good to those who love the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious and Loving God, as we once again hear Your Word may it convict us of where we fall short, may it show us a better way to live, and may we have a vision of Your holiness in Jesus' name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 16:20-22

Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy.

When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:18-30

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the Creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the Creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole Creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the Creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom He predestined He also called; and those whom He called He also justified; and those whom He justified He also glorified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SERMON

The Spirit Helps Us

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.

PRESENTATION SENIOR BIBLE (11:00)

PRESENTATION BY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (11:00)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Larry Shackley
Ryoji Shimpo, Pianist

*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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* arr. John Bell

(vs. 5) Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.

Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. John Purifoy

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

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