

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Eric Schwartz (11:00)
Ushers † - Rodney VanSickle, John Brown, Kirk Dixon (8:45);
Rodney VanSickle, David Hammons, Harriet Jones,
and Paul Luce (11:00)

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Saturday, June 14

12:30 p.m. - Decorate for VBS

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

Saturday, June 21

12:30 p.m. - Decorate for VBS

Sunday, June 22

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

Monday, June 23 to Thursday, June 26

5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. VBS Classes

Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27

Renee Stormer is away on Vacation

Sunday, June 29

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

Wednesday, July 2

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Friday, July 4

The Church Office will be closed

Sunday, July 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

Tuesday, July 8

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting in Crossroads Class

Wednesday, July 9

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, July 13 - Our Next Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Carter BloodCare Mobile Unit will be here
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Sunday, June 22 through
Thursday, June 26

Sign-up Sheets
are in the Welcome
Center
2025 VBS

Sunday Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Classes at 6:00 p.m.
Dismissal at 8:00 p.m.



Cokesbury Kids
ROAD TRIP
ON THE GO WITH GOD



Texas Presbyterian
Foundation



Stefanie Marsden
Relationship Manager

Men's Council Breakfast
On Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.
Wilbanks Hall

This month's breakfast will be moved to the 5th Sunday of the month, due to Vacation Bible School. All men and boys are encouraged to join us on June 29 at 7:30 a.m. for Breakfast. Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Stefanie Marsden of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation.



Feeding the
Community

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 thus far in June is **26 items**. Thank you to all who contribute!

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

June 8, 2025

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



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *He Leadeth Me* arr. John Purifoy

INTROIT 705 *You Are Holy* Marc Imboden
Rammy Rhoton

You are holy; You are mighty; You are worthy,
worthy of praise. I will follow; I will listen;
I will love You all of my days.

I will sing to and worship the King Who is worthy.
I will love and adore Him; I will bow down before Him.

I will sing to and worship the King Who is worthy.
I will love and adore Him; I will bow down before Him.
You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 118:24; 103:1*
Grace and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also to you.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad
in it. Bless the Lord O, my soul and all that is within me bless
His holy name.

*HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty and Merciful God, by Your power Christ is raised
from Death to rule this world in love. We confess that we have
not believed in Him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has
no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our
hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus
Christ, Who was dead but lives, and will put down every
power to hurt or destroy, when Your promised kingdom
comes. 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 *Invocation* Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

Come, Holy Spirit; Come gentle Dove;
Descend upon us now in truth and love.

Bring light where there is falsehood,
Deliver from confusion, O come to us again, we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit; Come, Breath of God;
O breathe life where there is death and sin.

Reveal the Father's will and glorify the Son;
And lead us into all truth, we pray.

O come, thou Flame of Fire,
Empower us to do Thy will.

Convict us of unrighteousness.

Return us to our first love,
And help us as we pray. Purify us today.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, Your grace is sufficient-and we pray for Your grace
to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds as Your Word is read
and preached today. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joel 2:27-32

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the
Lord, am your God and there is no other. And My people shall
never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out My
Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see
visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will
pour out My Spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the
earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be
turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and
terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusa-
lem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and
among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one
place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush
of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were
sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a
tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the
Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit
gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation
under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd
gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speak-
ing in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they
asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is
it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians,
Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappa-
docia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the
parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both
Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we
hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed
and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But
others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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 329

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

SERMON

Can Do Spirit

Rev. Jim Witherow

*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 de-
scended 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

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Mark Hayes
Ryoji Shimpō, 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 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE 550 (vs. 1) *Give Praise to the Lord* C. Hubert H. Parry

Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
amid all the saints God's praises prolong;
a song to your Maker and Ruler now raise,
all children of Zion: rejoice and give praise.

POSTLUDE

The Solid Rock

arr. Michael Wilson

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

ABOUT THE GUEST PREACHER

The Rev Jim Witherow is retired from Faith Presbyterian Church in Aledo, where
he served for over 16 years beginning as the Organizing Pastor for that congrega-
tion. Before Faith PC, Jim served as an Associate Pastor for Church Development
at First Presbyterian-Fort Worth where he worked on several church initiatives in
the Fort Worth area in addition to planting the new church in Aledo.

Prior to entering the ministry, Jim worked in the financial services/mortgage bank-
ing industry and was CEO of one of the 10 largest home lenders in the US.

Jim received his BS degree in Finance at the McIntyre School of Commerce of the
University of Virginia and his Master of Divinity at Brite Divinity School affiliat-
ed with TCU.

Jim has been a life-long Presbyterian. He and his wife Wanda have two grown
daughters and four grandchildren.

Jim and Wanda live in Fort Worth and have a small ranch west of Granbury.