

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Amanda Aynes (8:45); Ann Smith (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Sharon Condarco, Nick Scholl,
Kirk Dixon, and Susan Farmer (8:45);
Sharon Condarco, Nick Scholl,
Kenzie Aynes, and Mary Lee Doughton (11:00)

FLOWERS

The flower arrangement was given to the glory of God by
Amanda, Ronnie, and MacKenzie Ayne,
in honor of Adeline's 9th birthday.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, July 13 - Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 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

Tuesday, July 15 through Tuesday, July 29

Rev. Doughton will be away on a family vacation

Wednesday, July 16

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, July 20 - Guest Preacher, Rev. Diane Pennington

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

Friday, July 25

The church office will be closed

Saturday, July 26

11:00 a.m. - Memorial Service for Rod Graham's mother, Pat Jensen, and
his brother, Roger Graham. Lunch will be provided after the service.

Sunday, July 27 - Guest Preacher, Rev. Kenny Rigoulot

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

Sunday, August 3

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, August 5

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women will meet at Joe's Pizza and Pasta
308 S. Belt Line Rd., Mesquite, TX - just down the road

Wednesday, August 6

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, August 10 - Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Tuesday, August 12

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting in Crossroads Class
7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in the Enquiry Classroom

Wednesday, August 13

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, August 17 - Rally Day

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Indoor Picnic in Wilbanks Hall

Tuesday, August 19

7:00 p.m. - Joint Officers Meeting - Side room in Wilbanks Hall

Help a neighbor by donating blood.

Local donors save local lives: Carter BloodCare donors made the difference for many Texas patients.

Our next Blood Drive is today, Sunday, July 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please roll-up your sleeve and give the gift of life.

Schedule Your Appointment Now!



Music Spotlight

The worship music for today was selected by one of our choir members, *Gracy Thomas*. "I love 'Wade in the Water' because it reminds me of being at the Port Aransas beach by Corpus Christi. I like to get up early and have my coffee at the beach while wading in the water and watching the beautiful sunrise. Listening to the waves and admiring God's beautiful Earth is very peaceful and powerful."

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 10, 2025



Our first mission project will be collecting donations of school supplies or monetary offering for Black Elementary School. Please give as much as you can. Last day to contribute is Tuesday, August 26. Thank you!

Elder Sign-up Sheet for the second half of the year has been posted in the hall by Rev. Doughton's Office. Please sign-up today!

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

July 6, 2025

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

Cover Picture

As one can see, Tel Aviv is a busy city of workers: construction, finance, tourism & entertainment, and it is responsible for 50% of the gross domestic product, GDP. Today we will learn about workers, wages, and grace.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. N L Smith

INTROIT *Life Can Change in Just a Moment* Charles Crozat Converse
Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
(This is a new hymn in response to the flooding in Texas)

Life can change in just a moment; life is fragile, so we pray:
God, we grieve the mighty torrent that has swept so much away.
Storm and flood have overtaken people, places we hold dear.
In this nightmare, hearts are breaking!
Hold Your hurting people here.

God of mercy, we are grieving for the people who have died —
and for families who are suffering. Lord, our hearts are broken wide.
Every person has a story. Every one is treasured, too.
God, we beg You; by Your mercy, hold Your people close to You.

Christ Who blessed the little children,
Christ Who calmed the mighty storm,
Christ Who reached in love to poor ones,
to the outcast, to the worn —
Some led strangers through the waters,
saving life — as best they could.

Some gave their own lives for others, all to serve the common good.

Life can change in just an instant: Life is fragile, so we pray:
May we treasure every moment.
May we trust in Jesus' Way. As we grieve what's so distressing,
hold us close, O God above. May we use our time for blessing
neighbors, strangers with Your love.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

All praise to You, God our Father Who loves us with an everlasting love, All praise to You, Jesus Christ-Who gives us grace without end, All praise to You, Holy Spirit Who brings us together as a fellowship family of faith; All Praise to You Holy Trinity, three in one Amen.

*HYMN 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Holy, and Gracious God; we confess that we have not looked to Your light, we have not followed Your ways, we have not sought Your perfect wisdom. We have done what we should not have done. We have neglected to do the actions You call us to do. We have not loved as You call us to love. We have not thought through our days as You call us to think. Forgive us, we pray, by the forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit give us minds to think, wills to act, and hearts to love that bring honor and glory to You. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 *Wade in the Water* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Chancel Choir

Refrain: Wade in the water, Wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in white? (God's gonna trouble the water.)
The leader looks like the Israelite. (God's gonna trouble the water.)

Refrain

Ya see that band all dressed in red? (God's gonna trouble the water.)
It looks like the band that Moses led. (God's gonna trouble...)

Refrain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. As Your Word is read and preached may it guide us in the right path, may it direct our steps, and may it lead us to our hearts true desire in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Psalms 103:1-5*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits—Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the Pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 20:1-16*

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose

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to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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 518 *Your Only Son (Lamb of God)*

SERMON *The God Who Gives as He Chooses* 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Solid Rock* arr. Mark Hayes
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 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter C Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace,
and give you peace, the Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you, be gracious, the Lord be gracious unto you.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

POSTLUDE *Sonata Op. 27, no. 2. 'Moonlight'* L. van Beethoven
- III. Presto agitato
Please be seated for the Postlude.