

FLOWERS

The flower arrangement was given to the glory of God by Rod and Carol Graham, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Monday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 20

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, August 24

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

10:40 a.m. - Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary

Tuesday, August 26

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Kickoff Salad Supper
(Please bring a salad to share)

Wednesday, August 27

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Thursday, August 28 through Tuesday, September 2

Renee Stormer will be away for a family vacation

Sunday, August 31

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

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

Tuesday, September 2

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle

Wednesday, September 3

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, September 7

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

The Mid-Year Contribution Reports are in the Welcome Center

We want to let you know how grateful we are for your financial support of our church. The time, talents, and treasures, you provide help make the ministries, outreach and fellowship of our church possible. We appreciate your support during these challenging times.

We feel that it is important you see what you pledged to give and what you have given.

We thank God for you and your family which makes up our church family. May all your gifts to our church be multiplied for God's greater plan and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday,
August 10, 2025



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 in July was **136 items**. Thank you to all who contribute!



Our first mission project will be collecting donations of school supplies or monetary offering for Florence 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

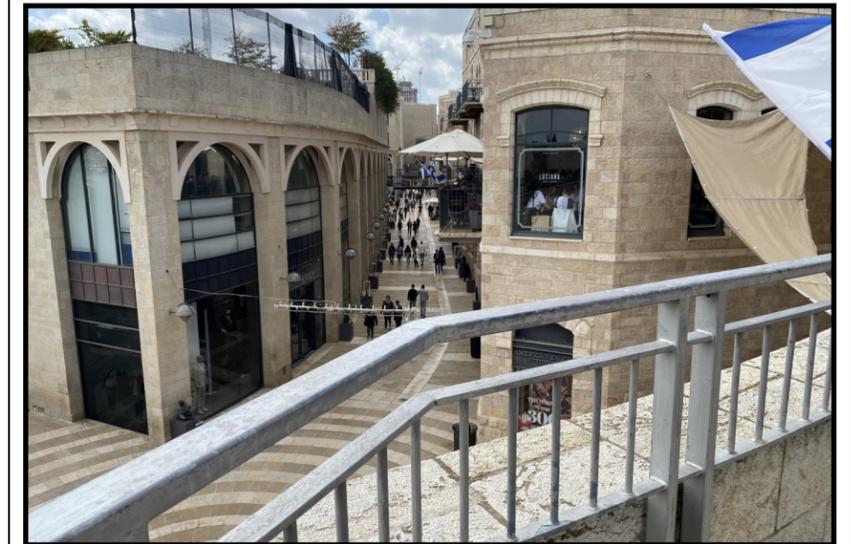
GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 3, 2025

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

About the Cover Picture

This high end shopping street is located outside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem. Along this route one can see luxury items for sale in boutiques. Today we will learn about a pearl of great price-and what it means for us.



ONLINE GIVING OPTION

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Immortal, Invisible* arr. David Paxton

INTROIT 743 O God, You Are My God David Strasser
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 81:1-2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also to you.
Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Raise a song, sound the tambourine, and the sweet lyre. Sing aloud to God our strength.

*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God, this morning we bring You our confession. We confess we have gone astray. Shepherd us, Lord. We confess we often love You half-heartedly. Make us whole, Lord. We confess we trivialize Your sacrifice. Give us perspective, Lord. We confess we find most of our strength in ourselves. Be our strength, Lord. We confess little zeal for Your glory. Give us passion, Lord. We confess we've done so many things wrong. Forgive us, Lord. We confess we often don't love You well. Love us, Lord. Hear our prayers, O Lord. We ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ, who exchanges our confession for abundant life in Him. 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 #

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious and All-Knowing God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, feet to act as we hear Your word read and preached in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Psalm 63:1-4*
O God, You are my God, I seek You, my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on Your name.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 13:44-46*
The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
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 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

SERMON *The God Who Gives Treasure* 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Morning Has Broken* arr. John Turner
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 †

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before You; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the fields will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Geoffrey Andrews
Please be seated for the Postlude.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Cindy Jenkins (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney VanSickle, Bryan Sanders, and Taylor Hammer (8:45);
David Hammons, Bryan Sanders, Taylor Hammer, and Sheila Hammer (11:00)