

FLOWERS

The flower arrangement was given to the glory of God by Ann Smith, thanking Him for all His many blessings.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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
2:00 p.m. - Youth & Faith Builders Swim Party at Woodcreek in Fate

Tuesday, August 26

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Kickoff Salad Supper
(The meal will be provided)

Wednesday, August 27

11:00 a.m. - Mtg w/ Stephanie Marsden of Texas Presbyterian Foundation
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

Tuesday, September 9

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

Wednesday, September 10

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 16

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

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 thus far in August is **15 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!

Music Spotlight

The hymn "Amazing Grace" was chosen by *Paul Snyder* a member of our Chancel Choir. This hymn was written in 1779 by John Newton. John became one of the most powerful evangelical preachers in British history. *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.* Ephesians 1:7

THOSE WHO SERVE

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 10, 2025

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

About the Cover Picture

The youth spent part of their time in Milwaukee working in Community Gardens. Each one had a church connection. In the beginning...the story of God and humanity begins in Genesis in a Garden. This Sunday we will see what this means for us.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT 621 *I Will Call upon the Lord* David Strasser

I will call upon the Lord Who is worthy to be praised.

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 84:1, 5, 12*

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

And also to you.

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! Happy are those whose strength are in You, For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.

*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, Your love for us is so very evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of Your great care for us. Yet, when it comes to following You, we confess that we often don't surrender our entire selves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control instead of releasing them to Your loving care. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Forgive us for frequently saying one thing and doing another. May our words and our actions line up. Make us willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, knowing full well that You will never leave us or forsake us. We pray this humbly, in Christ's Name. 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 *(8:45)* *Go Down, Moses* arr. Richard E. Frey
Chancel Choir

When Israel was in Egypt's land; Let My people go;
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let My people go.

Refrain: Go down, Moses, Way down in Egypt land,
Tell old Pharaoh to let My people go.

(continue)

The Lord told Moses what to do, Let My people go;
To lead the children of Israel through, Let My people go.

Refrain

Oh, let us all from bondage flee, Let My people go;
and let us all in God be free, Let My people go.

Refrain x2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing God-as we hear Your word read and preached may it startle us from our status quo, may it heal us where we are wounded, and may it inspire us where we are discouraged. May it light our paths and lead us to a new day in Jesus' name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 1:1-5*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was Life, and the Life was the light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Genesis 1:1-4*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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

*HYMN 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

SERMON *In the Beginning* 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 *Go Down, Moses* arr. Anthony Giamanco
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 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 546 *(vs.1)* *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, Your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace* arr. Jack Schrader
Please be seated for the Postlude.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sheila Hammer *(8:45)*; Ann Smith *(11:00)*

Deacon/Ushers † - Dallas Ward,
Mike Lee, and Robbie Lee *(8:45)*;

Dallas Ward, Linda Fricke,
Mary Claire Doughton, and Kenzie Aynes *(11:00)*

Having trouble hearing during worship?

We have listening devices available in the Welcome Center, if so desired.

Having trouble reading the hymnal?

We also have hymnals with large print available.

Ushers will be glad to assist you with any and all your needs.

