

FLOWERS

The flower arrangement was given to the glory of God by Duane and Joanne Moon, in loving memory of Duane's mother, Wanda Moon.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 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 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 **53 items**. Thank you to all who contribute!

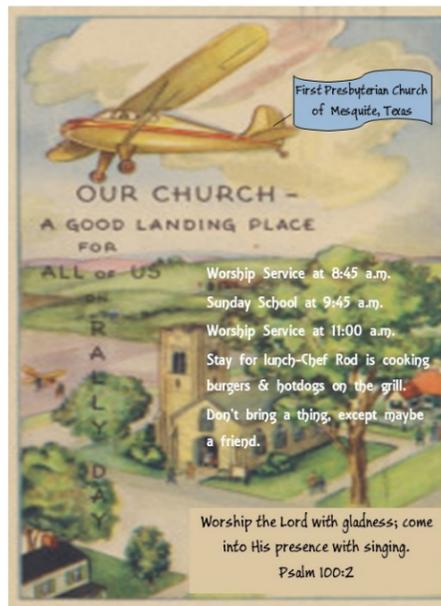
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Carol Graham (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - John Futrell,

Campbell Futrell, and Larry Thomas (8:45);

John Futrell, Campbell Futrell, and Elna Singleton (11:00)



Please join the Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting will kick off our new year. We will have a new Bible Study to review.

Please bring your favorite Salad to share.

The Morning circle will host this event and they will provide the desserts.



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!

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 17, 2025

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

About the Cover Picture

The Arch in St. Louis, Missouri stands as "The Gateway to the West". From this vantage point many could begin to make new lives for themselves and their families West of the Mississippi. Today we will continue our look at the overarching biblical story. We will get an overview of Abraham's journey west from the very settled east. We will see how this connects with us.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. John Purifoy

INTROIT 368 *We Fall Down* Chris Tomlin
We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus:
The greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 96:1-2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Let us sing to the Lord and praise His name; let us proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

*HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Good, and Merciful God, in Your Presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your Ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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) *I Can Do All Things* John Purifoy
Chancel Choir

Refrain: I can do all things in Him Who strengthens me,
I can do all things in Him Who strengthens me.
In whatever state I am, I have learned to be content.
I can do all things in Him Who strengthens me.
I know what it is to be sad, I know how that feels.
And I know what it is to be glad.
I have learned to say in any circumstance

Refrain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty and All-knowing God, as Your Word is read and preached inspire our minds with strong conviction, give us the courage to act as You call us, and fill us with compassion in our hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Romans 4:13-25*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in Him Who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, Who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Genesis 12:1-9*

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

SERMON *The Man Who Believed* 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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Franklin Ritter
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 838 *Standing on the Promises*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 5464 *Bless the Lord*
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, Who leads me into life.

POSTLUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. John Purifoy
Please be seated for the Postlude.