

Announcement

Today at 10:30 a.m. we will have a called congregational meeting in the sanctuary to hear and act upon a proposal to adopt a Unicameral System of Church Governance.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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
10:30 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

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

Wednesday, September 17

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Theme: Back to School)
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Class
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 21

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

Wednesday, September 24

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Theme: Vacation T-Shirts)
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Class
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 28

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Diane Beal (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Nick Scholl, Ann Smith,
and Beverlee Witty (8:45);

David Hammons, Nick Scholl, Linda Fricke,
and Liz Ramsey (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!

New Church Officers

Soon it will be time to nominate new church officers. **Please think about who you would like to nominate to serve.** They must be notified and agree to serving before their name is submitted.

The Book of Order says in G-2.03 *Ruling Elders: The Ministry of Discernment and Governance*. Congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. These persons will also have responsibilities for the life of the congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.



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 **121 items**. Thank you to all who contribute!

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

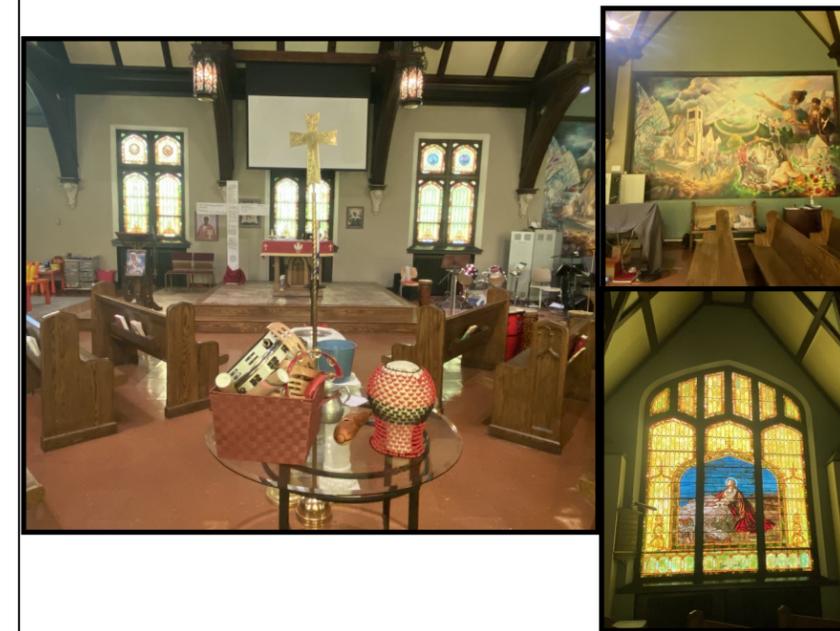
GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 24, 2025

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

About the Cover Picture

During our time in Milwaukee, all FPC Mesquite Youth had the opportunity to visit the All Peoples Gathering Church, a Lutheran congregation founded in 1991. This church worships in the space formerly used by the German-American Christ Lutheran Church (founded in 1906). The current congregation reimagined, repurposed, and rearranged the worship. This new orientation supports their unique ministry to the community and one another. Today we will take a look at the connection between worship, identity, and purpose as seen in Exodus and I Peter.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World* arr. Richard A Williamson

INTROIT 408 (vs.1) *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Doris Akers
There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expression on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 18:1-3*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

We love You, Lord, our strength. The Lord is our fortress, and our deliverer, our God, our rock in Whom we take refuge, our shield, our stronghold, and the horn of our salvation. Let us call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised.

*HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have done those things that which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O Merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your 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 (11:00) *Bought With a Price* Natalie Sleeth
Chancel Choir

You were blessed by the Word, Born of the Spirit,
Called by the Pow'r divine.

You were led by the light, Washed with the water,
Marked by a sacred sign.

Refrain: You are part of the chosen people,
You are children of Abraham.

You were bought with a price, Spared by a sorrow,
Saved by the blood of the Lamb!

(continued)

So what, then, does God require of you?

Nothing in truth you cannot do:

This, this alone your whole life thru,
But to walk in the way of the Lord.

You were claimed by a cross, Graced by a glory,
Loved by the Lord on high.

You were fed by the faith, Filled from the fountain,
Destined to testify! *Refrain*

You were blessed by the Holy Spirit,
Called by the Pow'r divine;

Washed with the living water,
Marked by a sign.

You are part of the chosen people, Children of Abraham,
Redeemed by a sacrifice and saved by the Lamb!

So, what in truth does God require of you?

Naught but to walk in the way your whole life thru,
Reclaimed by the cross of glory, Loved by the Lord on High!

Filled from the flowing fountain, Destined to testify! *Refrain*

Bought with the price of a sacrifice,

And saved by the blood of the Lamb!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All-knowing God, as we hear Your Word read and preached, may we hear today Your special message to us, may we gain insight for the week ahead, and may we see Your larger purposes for our lives in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-8a

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey. . . .

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 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

SERMON

Delivered for Worship

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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Ryoji Shimpō, pianist

arr. Lani Smith

*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 737

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 547 (vs.1)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

“Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing you are My own.”

POSTLUDE

God that Made the Earth and Heaven arr. Todd Kendall
Please be seated for the Postlude.