

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elder #** - Dr Carol Stephenson (8:45); Jan Sloan (11:00)  
**Deacon/Ushers** † - Rodney VanSickle, John Brown,  
 and Evelyn Parker (8:45);  
 Rodney VanSickle, David Hammons,  
 Harriet Jones, and Paul Luce (11:00)

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to God by Patty Kim for His love to me and my husband as we celebrated 58 years of marriage.

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, August 31

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

### Monday, September 1

Church office will be closed in observance of Labor Day

### 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 (Sharing Life - Student Housing)  
 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 (FPC Storytime)  
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### Sunday, September 28 - Stewardship Drive Begins

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

### Wednesday, October 1

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

### Sunday, October 5

**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  
 4:00 p.m. - Annual Church Picnic at Town Center Park Sunnyvale  
 356 E Tripp Road, Sunnyvale, TX 75182



Join us for a Mid-Week Rejuvenation.  
 Dinner at 5:45 p.m. and  
 Classes at 6:30 p.m.

Beginning on Wednesday, September 17, thru November 19. Each Wednesday Night will have a theme. The classes for October and November will be announced soon. Watch the bulletin for more information.

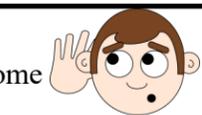
Themes	Classes
Sept. 17 - Back to School Night	Sharing Life - Student Housing
Sept. 24 - Vacation T-Shirt Night	FPC Storytime

*What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?*

Date	Main Dish	Side	Side	Side	Dessert
Sept 17	Taco Bar	Rice/Beans	Shells/Tortillas	Salad	Brownies
Sept 24	Rotisserie Chicken	Mashed Potatoes	Broccoli	Salad/Bread	Peach Cobbler
Oct 1	Spaghetti			Salad/Bread	Cookies & Ice Cream
Oct 8	Baked Potatoes	Chicken		Salad/Bread	Chocolate Cobbler
Oct 15	Salisbury Steak	Mashed Potatoes with Gravy	Roasted Vegetables	Salad/Bread	Texas Sheet Cake
Oct 22	French Bread Pizza	Mac & Cheese		Salad	Bread Pudding
Oct 29	Pulled Pork Chicken Sandwich	Cole Slaw	Baked Beans	Salad	Banana Pudding
Nov 5	Creamy Chicken Pasta			Salad/Bread	Chocolate Pie
Nov 12	Burger, Hot Dogs Nachos	Potato Salad	Chips	Salad	Ice Cream Sundaes
Nov 19	Ham	Mashed Potatoes	Corn on Cob	Salad/Bread	Strawberry Short Cake

### 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.*



## 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 **158 items**. Thank you to all who contribute!

## 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

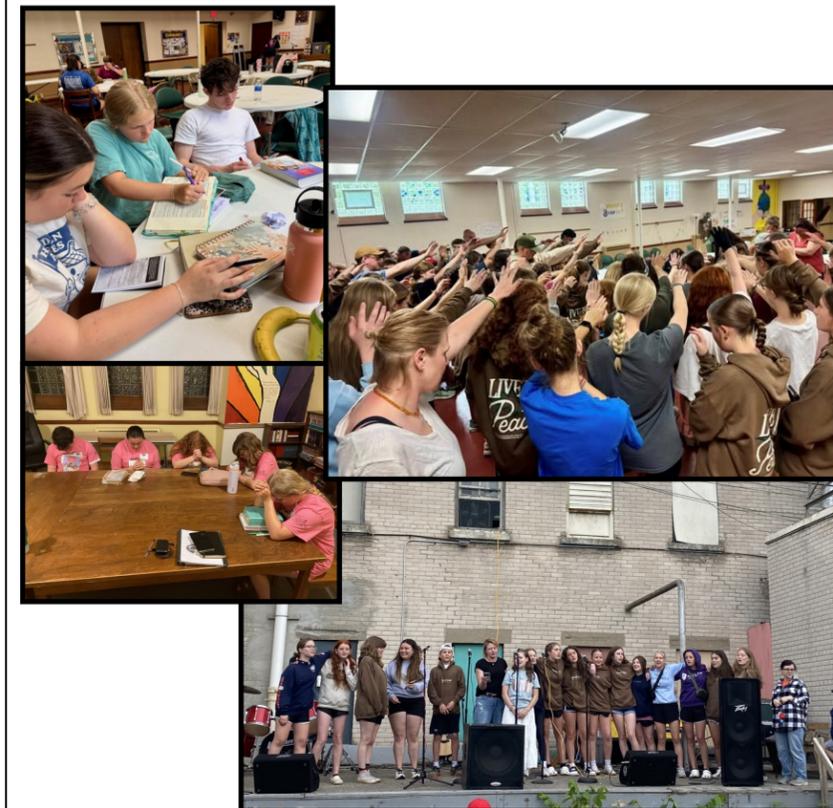
# GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 31, 2025

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

## About the Cover Picture

This week we will look at the Law as given on Mt. Sinai and presented on the Sermon Mount. The Law guides us and leads us in work, play, and worship. Here we have scenes of the youth as they prayed, studied, participated in song, and were sent out with a benediction at the end of the mission trip.



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* arr. Lloyd Larson

INTROIT 627 *I Love You, Lord* Laurie Klein  
I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You;  
O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear;  
may it be a sweet sound in Your ear.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 149:1-4*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### And also to you.

Praise the Lord, Sing to the Lord a new song, Let the children rejoice in their King, Let them praise Him by making melody, For the Lord takes pleasure in His people.

\*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal, Almighty, and Merciful God; our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by those in need. O God, in Your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through 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) *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* arr. Ed Lojeski  
Chancel Choir

I am weak but Thou art strong. Jesus keep me from all wrong.  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, Let me walk, close to Thee.  
Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, Dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee, Jesus, grant my humble plea!  
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, Dear Lord, let it be.

When the journey here is o'er, Time for me will be no more.

Guide me to Thy distant shore. To Thy shore, oh Dear Lord, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee, Jesus grant my humble plea!  
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, Dear Lord, let it be.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing God, as we hear Your Word today may it heal us where we need mending, may it strengthen us for the journey ahead, and may it enlarge our vision for Your will and purpose. Amen.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 5:17*

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Exodus 20:1-2*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;....

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 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SERMON *Shaped by God's Voice* 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 *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* arr. Ron Boud  
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 841 *God Is My Strong Salvation*

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE 550 (vs.1) *Give Praise to the Lord*

Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;  
amid all the saints God's praises prolong;  
a song to your Maker and Ruler now raise,  
all children of Zion: rejoice and give praise.

POSTLUDE *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Please find an insert in your bulletin "**Suggestions for New Church Officers,**" Yes, it's that time of year again, to suggest who you think would serve our church well, as officers for the next three years. **The deadline to nominate is Sunday, September 14, 2025.** Please make sure the nominee knows of your suggestion and they are willing to serve. We need to nominate 6 Elders, 1 Trustee, 1 Youth to serve as Elder, and 1 Youth to serve as Deacon.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Roger Foltz	Diane Beal	Brenda Greer
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Gina Villafana	Beverlee Witty	
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### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
John Futrell	Sharon Condarco	John Brown
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