

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - George Venner (8:45); Sheryl Miller (11:00)
 Deacon/Ushers † - Amanda Aynes, Adeline Aynes,
 and Sue Bohmer (8:45);
 Rod Graham, Dallas Ward, Adeline Aynes,
 and Mary Lee Doughton (11:00)

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Monday, September 8 through Saturday, September 13

Rev. Doughton will be away, due to his mother's illness

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
 12:00 p.m. - Lemonade on the Lawn

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 (Estate Planning - Stefanie Marsden)
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Saturday, October 4

Time TBA - 21st Annual Addressing Mesquite Day

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

21st Annual Addressing Mesquite Day

Addressing Mesquite Day is held in partnership with the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite. This annual one-day event focuses on home repairs needed by senior citizens, single parents, military veterans and the disabled and other homeowners in Mesquite.

**This year's AMD will be held on Saturday,
 October 4, 2025.**

Once again, Eric Schwartz will be our gracious team leader. The volunteer applications are available in the Welcome Center. Should you have questions, you may phone Eric at (972) 741-8917 or contact him via email at ewschwartz@yahoo.com

Please consider helping those in need with some work around their home. When we help others, we are the ones who receive the biggest blessing. *God is good, all the time.*

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

September 7, 2025

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

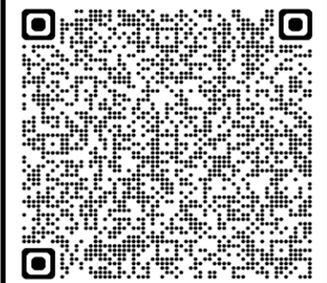
About the Cover Picture

These images come from a wooded "wilderness" at a park on Lake Michigan. One sign gives this blessing: "May the God given peace of this leafy solitude rest upon and abide with thee." The hope is that through time in this wilderness visitors find rest and peace. Through their time in a very different Wilderness, the Hebrew people learned to find rest, peace, and direction in God.



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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 August was **206 items**. Thank you to all who contribute!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Improvisation on 'Llanfair'* Steven Scott

INTROIT 243 *Be Not Afraid* Jacques Berthier
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 136:1*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You loved us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of Grace, help us to recognize and admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent turn to You, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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) *Ride the Chariot* arr. Wm. Henry Smith
Chancel Choir

Refrain: I'm gonna ride in the chariot in the morning, Lord,
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I'm gettin' ready for the judgment day, My Lord, My Lord. (x2)
Are you ready my brother? <Oh, yes>
Are you ready for the journey? <Oh, yes>
Do you want to see your Jesus? <Oh, yes>
I'm waitin' for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go. *Refrain*
Are you ready my sister? <Oh, yes>
Are you ready for the journey? <Oh, yes>
Do you want to see your Jesus? <Oh, yes>
I'm waitin' for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go.
I never can forget that day,
Ride in the chariot to see my Lord.
When all my sins were taken away,
Ride in the chariot to see my Lord.
My feet were snatched from the miry clay, ride!
I'll serve my Lord till judgment day, Ride! *Refrain x2*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All knowing God-as Your Word is read and preached may it shine Your light on our lives, may it sharpen our wills to respond, and may it guide our direction to follow, we pray in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Hebrews 3:7-19*

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, as on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your ancestors put Me to the test, though they had seen My works for forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, and I said, "They always go astray in their hearts, and they have not known My ways.' As in My anger I swore, "They will not enter My rest.' " Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partners of Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end. As it is said, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." Now who were they who heard and yet were rebellious? Was it not all those who left Egypt under the leadership of Moses? But with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Numbers 14:18-19*

"The Lord is slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children to the third and the fourth generation.' Forgive the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your steadfast love, just as You have pardoned this people, from Egypt even until now."

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 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

SERMON *The Discipline of Grace* Rev. Doughton

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Take My Life* arr. Penny Rodriguez
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 †

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 697 *Take My Life*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 43 (*vs.1*) *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

POSTLUDE *On Eagle's Wings* arr. Douglas E Wagner
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 now Sunday, September 21, 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.

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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Roger Foltz	Diane Beal	Brenda Greer
Linda Fricke	William Richardson	Phil L. Johnson, Jr.
John Kusewitt	Eric Schwartz	Dr. Ron Smith
Paul Luce	Elna Singleton	Larry Thomas
Gina Villafana	Beverlee Witty	
Campbell Futrell (Youth)		

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
John Futrell	Sharon Condarco	John Brown
Rodney Graham	Bryan Sanders	David Hammons
Mary St. Claire Doughton (Y)	Rafael Villafana	Schyler Marin
	Dallas Ward	Rodney VanSickle

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Herbert C. "Pete" Allen, Jr.	C. Duane Moon	Kirk Dixon