

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Brenda Greer (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney Graham, Dallas Ward,
Michael Lee and Robbie Lee (8:45);
Rodney Graham, Dallas Ward,
Kenzie Aynes, and Adeline Aynes (11:00)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Duane and Joanne Moon in loving memory of Duane's father, Clifford Moon.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, September 21 - National Back to Church Day!

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 - Speaker, Clarence Greer
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 - Youth Parent Meeting

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
8:00 a.m. - Boy Scout Troop 138 and Venturing Crew 138 Garage Sale by the Hooper-Leake Hall in the north parking lot.

Sunday, October 5 - Worldwide Communion

Lord's Supper will be observed at both Worship Services

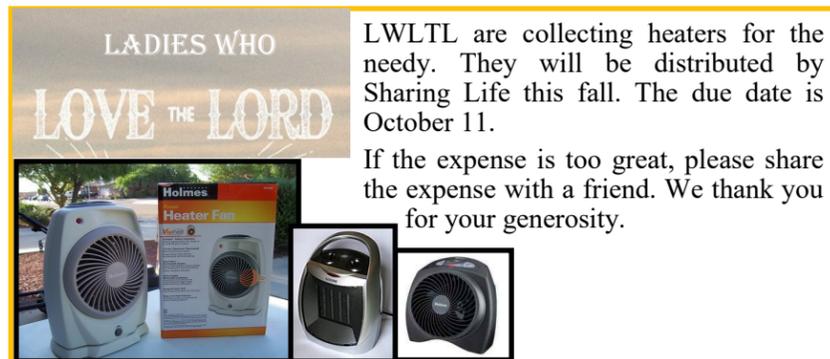
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
4:00 p.m. - Annual Church Picnic at Town Center Park Sunnyvale
356 E Tripp Road, Sunnyvale, TX 75182
5:00 p.m. - Dinner
6:00 p.m. - Vespers

Wednesday, October 8

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Theme: College T-Shirt Night)
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Class (Bible Trivia)
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Saturday, October 11

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Ladies Who Love the Lord (Wilbanks Hall)



LWLTL are collecting heaters for the needy. They will be distributed by Sharing Life this fall. The due date is October 11.

If the expense is too great, please share the expense with a friend. We thank you for your generosity.



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

Each Wednesday Night thru November 19 we will have a theme. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Themes	Classes
Sept. 24 - Vacation T-Shirt Night	FPC Storytime
Oct. 1 - Disco Night	Estate Planning

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?



9/24 Rotisserie Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Salad, Bread, and Peach Cobbler
10/1 Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, and Cookies and Ice Cream.
Please sign up for Dinner in the Welcome Center



Mathew 25 Ministries

Presbyterian Women are collecting pill bottles for Mathew 25 Ministries.

They accept donations of clean, empty, label and residue free plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies.

Their pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.



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.*



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 September is **73 items**. We also collected **28 items** of Peanut Butter and Jelly at WNL on September 17. Grand Total is **101**.

Thank you to all who contribute!

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 21, 2025

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

About the Cover Picture

Once again we see this picture from the All Peoples Gathering Place Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. They strategically use their worship space to define, interpret, and reinforce their beliefs about what it means to be a church. Today we will look at the central role of worship for the people of God.



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

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Come Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

INTROIT 705 *You Are Holy* Marc Imboden & Tammi Rhoton

You are holy; You are mighty; You are worthy,
worthy of praise.

I will follow; I will listen; I will love You
all of my days.

I will sing to and worship the King Who is worthy.
I will love and adore Him;
I will bow down before Him.

I will sing to and worship the King Who is worthy.
I will love and adore Him;
I will bow down before Him.

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Romans 5:5, John 4:24*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, Who has been given to us. Those who worship God must worship God in spirit and in truth. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Addressing Mesquite Day

ANTHEM (11:00) *Ticket to the Promised Land* John Carter Chancel Choir

Get on board, little children, Get on board, little children,
Get on board, little children, There's room for many-a more.

Refrain: I've got a ticket to the Promised Land,
I'll be a member of the angel band;

I've got a ticket to the pearly gate, I've got to hurry, hurry,
so I won't be late.

I'm gonna take a trip, and you can go along;
I'm gonna take a trip, and sing a travelin' song;
I'm gonna take a trip, and I can't wait to see
The heav'nly sights that are in store for me. *[Refrain]*

I'm gonna take a trip, I'm gonna leave today,
I'm gonna take a trip, I'm gonna leave right away,
I'm gonna take a trip, I'm gonna wave goodbye,
I've got a wonderful feelin' that I'm goin' to fly,
A wonderful feelin' that I'm goin' to fly! *[Refrain]*
I'm gonna take a trip, I've got my harp and wings,
I'm gonna take a trip, I've got my heavenly things;
I'm gonna take a trip, I'm gonna get on board,
And when the whistle blows, I'm gonna see my Lord. *[Refrain x2]*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious and Loving God, as we once again hear Your Word may it convict us of where we fall short, may it show us a better way to live, and may we have a vision of Your holiness in Jesus' Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 2:13-22*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple He found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, He drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making My Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can You show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of the temple of His body. After He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *1 Kings 8:12-13*

Then Solomon said, "The Lord has said that He would dwell in thick darkness. I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

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

*HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

SERMON *A Dwelling Place* 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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Lloyd Larson
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 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 701 *Lord, Prepare Me* arr. Wendell P Whalum
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

POSTLUDE *I Love to Tell the Story* 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 today, 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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