

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - John Futrell, Campbell Futrell,
and Larry Thomas (8:45);
John Futrell, Campbell Futrell,
Elna Singleton, and Susan Leake (11:00)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Meg GarverHamilton in loving memory of her husband, David, and daughter, Karen.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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 - Youth Night at WNL

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)

Sunday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 14

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meeting in Crossroads Class



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
Oct. 1 - Disco Night	Estate Planning
Oct. 8 - College T-Shirt Night	Bible Trivia

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?



10/1 Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, and Cookies and Ice Cream.

10/8 Baked Potatoes, Chicken, Salad, Bread, and Chocolate Cobbler.

Please sign up for Dinner in the Welcome Center



Matthew 25 Ministries

Presbyterian Women are collecting pill bottles for Matthew 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 **110 items**. We also collected **28** items of Peanut Butter and Jelly at WNL on September 17. Grand Total is **138**.

Thank you to all who contribute!

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 28, 2025

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

About the Cover Picture

This sign over the bridge welcomes us to enjoy nature in a wilderness by Lake Michigan. As one leaves the woods, one reads this line on the other side: "May the God given peace of this leafy solitude rest upon and abide with thee". The prophetic word can be like a journey into a wilderness. However, the goal is to lead to peace. This is the peace of knowing God's will and God's purpose and response to God's correction. May we hear the prophetic word as a call to journey, examine, respond, repent, and return to the path God has called us.



ONLINE GIVING OPTION

Have you ever thought of giving online? If you would like to give online you may scan the QR Code, this will take you to the giving button on our website.



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LADIES WHO LOVE THE LORD

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.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Todd Kendall

INTROIT 626 *As the Deer* Martin J Nystrom
As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship You.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 66:1-3*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also to you.
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to God glorious praise. Say to God, "How Awesome are Your deeds! All the earth worships You; they sing praises to Your name."

*HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient people. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, and we have rebelled against Your love. We have not loved our neighbors. We have refused to hear the cry of those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Stewardship Drive
"What Are We Building?"

ANTHEM (11:00) *Lord, Here am I* John Purifoy
Chancel Choir

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me, What is my labor and where it shall be.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; Willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
Willing to follow if Thou wilt but lead; Only support me with grace in my need.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Living or dying, I still would be Thine. Yet I am mortal while Thou Art divine.

Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; Pity, and bring me again to the light.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty and All-Knowing God, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as Your Word is read and proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 23:29-39*

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, and you say, "If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors. You snakes, you brood of vipers! How can you escape being sentenced to hell? Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Isaiah 1:10-20*

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before Me, Who asked this from your hand? Trample My courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals My soul hates; they have become a burden to Me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before My eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

SERMON *Calling Back God's People* 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 *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Larry Shackley
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 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 743 *O God, You Are My God* David Strasser

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

POSTLUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. John Purifoy

Please be seated for the Postlude.



Annual Church Picnic

When: 4:00 p.m. October 5

5:00 p.m. - Dinner

6:00 p.m. - Vespers

Where: Town Center Park Sunnyvale
356 E Tripp Road, Sunnyvale,
TX 75182

What to Bring: Sign up Sheet is in the
Welcome Center (to be followed by email)