

Called Congregational Meeting

This is your first notification for Sunday, October 19, at 10:30 a.m. we will hold a **called congregational meeting** in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and act upon the report from the Church Officer Nominating Committee.

ELDER:
 Rodney Graham _____
 Roger Foltz _____
 Paul Luce _____
 Evelyn Parker _____
 Sheryl Miller _____
 Terri White _____
 Mary Claire Doughton (Youth Elder) _____

TRUSTEE:
 Ann Kyle _____

DEACON:
 McKenzie Aynes (Youth Deacon) _____

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Tuesday, October 7

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Night Circle

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

Monday, October 13

7:00 p.m. - Tentatively - Jubilate Ringers will begin rehearsals

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Theme: Wear Pink)

6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Class (Pre-Advent Study)

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, October 19

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. - Called Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary



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. 8 - College T-Shirt Night	Bible Trivia
Oct. 15 - Breast Cancer Awareness Wear Pink	Pre-Advent Study

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?



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

10/15 Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Veggies, Salad, Bread, Texas Sheet Cake.

Please sign up for Dinner in the Welcome Center

Chef Rod will be cooking for us on Wednesday nights.



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.



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.



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 September was **125 items**. We also collected **28 items** of Peanut Butter and Jelly at WNL on September 17. Grand Total is **153**.

Thank you to all who contribute!

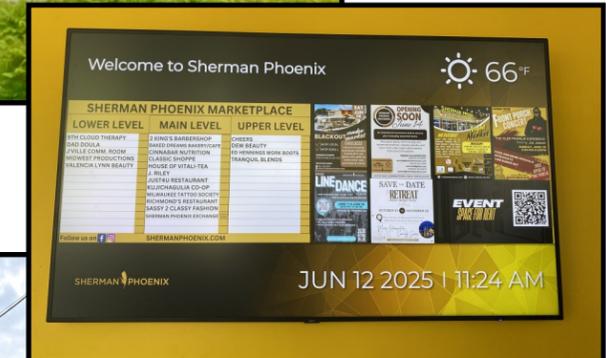
GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 5, 2025

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

About the Cover Picture

Sherman Phoenix serves as a catalyst for new businesses and shops in a Milwaukee neighborhood. This building once housed a bank. After a fire a community organization rebuilt and repurposed the site. It now grows entrepreneurs in the city. Jeremiah looks to a period of rebuilding in a season of discipline. Today we will see the connection.



ONLINE GIVING OPTION

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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

Join us as we fellowship with good friends and good food. We will delight in the Lord together.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. John Purifoy

INTROIT 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* Geron Davis
We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in His presence on holy ground.

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

And also to you.

The Lord has done great things for us already; therefore, we rejoice. The merciful and gracious Lord has done His marvelous works that they ought to be remembered. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your lovingkindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. 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) *At the Table of the Lord* David Angerman
Chancel Choir Joseph M. Martin

At the table of the Lord there is hope. At the table of the Lord there is joy.
Come and take your place at the banquet of grace.
There is room at the table for you.

At the table of the Lord there is peace. At the table of the Lord there is love.
And though many have come, there is still room for one,
There is room at the table for you.

At the table of the Lord there is rest for the weary.
At the table of the Lord there is strength for the soul.
At the table of the Lord there is comfort and mercy,
And the lives that are broken can all be made whole.

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At the table of the Lord there is life. At the table of the Lord there is grace.
The meal is prepared; no cost has been spared.

There is room at the table for you.

The meal is prepared; no cost has been spared.

There is room at the table for you. At the table of the Lord there is peace.
At the table of the Lord there is hope. At the table of the Lord there is joy.
There is love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, Your Word makes wise the simple-open us to Your message today as we hear Your Word read and preached in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Hebrews 12:1-6*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Who for the sake of the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such hostility against Himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children— "My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by Him; for the Lord disciplines those whom He loves, and chastises every child whom He accepts."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Jeremiah 29:4-14*

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in My name; I did not send them, says the Lord. For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon Me and come and pray to Me, I will hear you. When you search for Me, you will find Me; if you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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 688 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

SERMON *God Is Still Faithful* Rev. Doughton

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*
Ryoji Shimpō, pianist arr. Mark Hayes

*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 542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Stuart Dauermann

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap;
will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Geoffrey Andrews

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Jan Fort (8:45); Brenda Greer (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Sharon Condarco, Nick Scholl,
Kirk Dixon, and Susan Farmer (8:45);
Sharon Condarco, Nick Scholl,
Linda Fricke, and Mary Lee Doughton (11:00)

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ryoji Shimpō, Director of Music Ministries/Organist & Pianist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus