

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - 2025

We want to thank the following people who provided Christmas flowers for our services today.

Debbie Aynes in memory of Papa James Aynes
Debbie Aynes in memory of Ronnie Simpson
Debbie Aynes in memory of Margaret Simpson
Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in honor of our beautiful daughters, Kenzie and Adeline
Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in memory of Clarence and Mary Greer, Ernie and Jess Ann Tolle, Jose and Margaret Simpson, and James and Clara Aynes
Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in honor of Debbie Aynes, DiAnna Greer, Clarence and Brenda Greer
John and Sue Bohmer in honor of Jones Doughton
John and Sue Bohmer in honor of Renee Stormer
John and Sue Bohmer in honor of Edie Brunson
John and Sue Bohmer in honor of Ryoji Shimpo
Mary E Boyce in memory of Tom L. Barnard
Mary E Boyce in memory of Mary Elizabeth Barnard
John and Lynda Brown in memory of our daughter, Kelly Brown Jennings
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in loving memory R.J. Farmer, D.D.S., Karen Dixon and our parents
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in loving memory of Nickie Wilbanks and Marjorie Akin
Kirk Dixon in honor of my lovely wife, Susan.
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of our children and grandchildren
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Tom Wilbanks
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Jones, Mary Lee Doughton and family
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Renee Stormer and our FPC staff
Mary Lee and Jones Doughton in honor of Dallas and Lynda Ward and Lelia Doughton
Mary Lee and Jones Doughton in memory of Erastus B. J. Doughton and Jack MacMillan
Roger Foltz in honor of my children Scott, Emily, and David
Doug and Jan Fort in memory of our son, Adam D. Fort
Linda Fricke in loving memory of Dan Fricke
Linda Fricke in memory of Billie Hill, Carolyn Hill, Hazel Gates, and Lisa Fricke
Meg GarverHamilton in memory of David and Karen
Meg GarverHamilton in memory of my parents and grandparents
Carol and Rod Graham in memory of our parents, Pat Jensen and Clifford Graham
Carol and Rod Graham in memory of our parents, Carmen and Frank Bernal
Brenda and Clarence Greer in memory of Mary and Clarence Greer, Jerry Evans and his mom, Lillian Evans
Sheila Hammer in memory of my mother, Christy Portillo
Sheila Hammer in memory of my father, Roger Rich
Joan and David Hammons in memory of parents O.K. and Edith Stovall, and Don and Dot Hammons
Gerald and Cindy Jenkins in memory of Cindy's parents, Beth and Henry Skidmore
Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of the Doughton Family
Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of the ministry of Tom and Nickie Wilbanks
Phil and Celeste Johnson in memory of David Howard
Patricia Kim in memory of my husband Stephen, B-I-L Harold Burton, and nephews, Burt and Curtis Burton
Sarah Kitchens in memory of my sister, Martha Dye

John and Paula Kusewitt in loving memory of our dads, Jerry Woodard and James Kusewitt
John and Paula Kusewitt in loving memory of all our precious grandparents
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our families with our love
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our Tom and Nickie Wilbanks – thank you for your many years of selfless dedication and love
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of the FPC Mesquite Safety Team and all first responders with our gratitude for your service
Ann Kyle as a gift to the church
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Pat Smith
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory Randy Leake
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory Morris Tanner
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Loncy and Bettye Leake
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Leroy and Pauline Tanner
Brian Neece in honor of Don Neece
Brian Neece in memory of Sue Neece
Evelyn Parker in memory of Toliver Jordan Hutchinson
Gail and William Richardson in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Richardson
Gail and William Richardson in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Sexton
Maurine and Bob Robinson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hanby
Maurine and Bob Robinson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Robinson
Lori and Eric Schwartz in honor of our pastors, Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton and Dr. Tom Wilbanks
Lori and Eric Schwartz in memory of our parents, Dan Fricke, Robert and Shirley Schwartz and in honor of Linda Fricke
Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey in honor of our first grand-daughter, the awesome Mary Ruth Cooper
Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey in loving memory of Martha's parents, Jim and Hope Sheppard
Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey in loving memory of Ken's parents, Bill and Jean Mahaffey
Martha Sheppard-Mahaffey giving thanks for my family, Ken, Aaron, Rebecca, and Hope and Teddy
Ann Smith in memory of loved ones no longer with us
Ann Smith in honor of my children and grandchildren
Ann Smith in honor Rev. Doughton and his family
Ann Smith in honor of Renee Stormer and her devotion to our church
Ann Smith in honor of Ryoji Shimpo for providing beautiful music each week
Ron Smith in honor of my son, Mitch Smith
Ron Smith in memory of my mother, Neta Smith
Paul Snyder in memory of my mother, Lillie Snyder
Carol Stephenson in honor of the members of the Christian Fellowship Class
Scott Tudor and Terry White in memory of Ted and Beverly Tudor, Sr., Ted Tudor, Jr., and Howard White
Rodney and Celisa VanSickle in honor of Erin VanSickle
Rodney and Celisa VanSickle in honor of Hilary VanSickle
Rodney and Celisa VanSickle in honor of Grace VanSickle
George Venner in loving memory of Pat Venner
Lynda and Dallas Ward in memory of the Ward Family
Lynda and Dallas Ward in memory of the Carlson Family
Diane Weatherford in honor of Amy Surls
Diane Weatherford in memory of Scott, Muriel, and Scott Weatherford Jr.
Beverlee Witty in honor of my husband, Tom Heines
Beverlee Witty in honor of Jack Witty
Beverlee Witty in honor of Hannah Witty
Beverlee Witty in honor of Tom Wilbanks
Beverlee Witty in memory of Mel Witty
Beverlee Witty in memory of David Howard



GUIDE TO WORSHIP

December 14, 2025

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

About the Cover Picture

This scene comes from the Chapel at the Shepherds' Field near Bethlehem. The Shepherds rejoice with the good news they are hearing. Today on this Sunday of Love, we can rejoice as we hear the Good News told by song in the Cantata.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The First Noël* arr. Alan Simon

INTROIT 147 (v.1) *The First Nowell* English carol

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

(8:45) Michael Lee and Robbie Lee

(11:00) Sheila Hammer and Taylor Hammer

PASTORAL PRAYER

*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

HOMILY Rev. Doughton

CANTATA *Morning Star* Words and Music by
Chancel Choir Joseph M. Martin

*Joy to the World
There Is a Star*

O Loving Father of the Stars

Rejoice, Rejoice, Ye People

And the Stars Sang

Sing We Now of Christmas

Follow the Star

Just Beyond the Manger

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* arr. Noreen
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist Lienhard

*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 †

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.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 147 (v.6) *The First Nowell* English carol

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with His blood our life hath bought.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

POSTLUDE *Coventry Carol* arr. Charles Lindberg

Please be seated for the Postlude.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elders/Narrators - Clarence Greer and Susan Leake

Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney Graham, Dallas Ward,

Michael Lee and Robbie Lee (8:45);

Rodney Graham, Dallas Ward,

Mary Claire Doughton, and Kenzie Aynes (11:00)

*A special "Thank You" to the Chancel Choir,
and the Leadership of
Ryoji Shimpo, as they offer the Gift of Song.*

*Karen Carboni, Brenda Greer, Patty Kim, Paula Kusewitt,
and Gracy Thomas*

*John Kusewitt, Eric Schwartz, Ron Smith,
and Paul Snyder*

Special Times for Special Worship Services. . .

There will be one worship service on **December 28 at 10 AM.** Walter Teter, from Hackberry Community Church, will deliver the message. **Sunday School classes have the option to meet at 9:00 AM.** Please check with your class leader to confirm plans.

There will be one service at **10 AM on Sunday, January 4, 2026.** We will ordain and install our new officers. We will celebrate communion. We will mark Epiphany as we begin the new year. On this date Sunday School Classes have the option to meet at 9:00 AM.

Discipleship Class will not meet on:

December 7, December 28, or January 4.

Faith and Life:

December 7 - we will hear the presentation from the Rices in the Fellowship Hall.

December 28 - we will not meet

January 4 - we will meet at 9am.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, December 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent *Love*

The Chancel Choir presents the Christmas Cantata

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

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

Tuesday, December 16

7:15 p.m. - Joint Officer Meeting in the side room of Wilbanks Hall

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 20

T/B/D - Youth Progressive Dinner

Sunday, December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent *Joy*

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

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

Wednesday, December 24

6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day - Office is Closed

Friday, December 26

Boxing Day - Office is Closed

Sunday, December 28 - Guest Preacher, Walter Teter

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Offered

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (One Service)

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Youth Gathering at the Church

Monday, December 29 through Wednesday, December 31

The Church will be on abbreviated hours in order to close the books for 2025 and prepare for 2026. Please call for an appointment if you would like to give an end of the year contribution.

Thursday, January 1, 2026

The Church office will be closed.

Sunday, January 4 - Incoming Church Officers will be Ordained and Installed at 10:00 a.m.

The Lord's Supper will be observed at both Worship Services

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Offered

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (One Service)

4:00 p.m. - Dismantle and store the Decorations

Monday, January 5

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, January 6

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

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle

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