

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, January 11

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

### Monday, January 12

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, January 13

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee in the Crossroads Classroom

### Wednesday, January 14

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, January 18

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

### Monday, January 19

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, January 20

7:15 p.m. - Joint Officers Stated Meeting - side room of Wilbanks Hall

### Wednesday, January 21

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, January 25

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  
6:00 p.m. - Annual Congregational Dinner & Meeting  
This is a called meeting and your presence has been requested. Please bring a meat, salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

### Monday, January 26

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Wednesday, January 28

12:00 p.m. - East Dallas County Cluster Meeting in Wilbanks Hall  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 1 - Scout Sunday

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both services**

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

### Monday, February 2

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, February 3

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle  
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle (Pot Luck Dinner)

### Wednesday, February 4

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 8

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

### Monday, February 9

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, February 10

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee in the Crossroads Classroom  
7:15 p.m. - Worship Committee will meet in the Enquiry Classroom

### Wednesday, February 11

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 15

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

### Monday, February 16

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal



The Ladies Who Love the Lord (LWLTL) have started their next mission project. They will be collecting new or gently used hoodies and jackets. All sizes are welcomed. These donations will be given to *Inspired Vision Compassion Center* for disbursement. The last day to donate will be Saturday, January 17, 2026.



### Annual Congregational Dinner Meeting

This is the second announcement of the Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting which has been called for Sunday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. Each of you are cordially invited and encouraged to attend. We will enjoy a good meal, fellowship, and hear reports from each of the committees. Please bring your favorite dish to share.



### 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 January is **39 items**.

Thank you to all who contribute!

### 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

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

January 11, 2026

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

### About the Cover Picture

This is a view of a cemetery on the Mount of Olives in Israel. We read in our lesson that "it is better to go to house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting". This Sunday we will return to Ecclesiastes to explore this contrarian proverb as well as others in chapter 7.



### 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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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT 368 *We Fall Down* Chris Tomlin

We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus:  
the greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus,  
And we cry holy, holy, holy.  
And we cry holy, holy, holy.  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 8:1,3,4,9*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And also to you.**

Oh Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above in the heavens. When we look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, who are we that You are mindful of us, that You care for us. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

\*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, in every age You have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to Your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, Your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow, so that living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with Him forever. 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 *Angels on the Midnight Clear* arr. Catherine Bennett  
(8:45) Chancel Choir

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:

“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heaven’s all-gracious King:”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Stars shone down on the peaceful town  
As the angels’ melodies echoed through the night.  
All around came the joyful sound  
Of their message of love and light.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious, Loving and All-knowing God, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 5:4*

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Ecclesiastes 7:1-3, 13-14*

1 A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death, than the day of birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for this is the end of everyone, and the living will lay it to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of countenance the heart is made glad.

13 Consider the work of God; who can make straight what He has made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider; God has made the one as well as the other, so that mortals may not find out anything that will come after them.

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 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

SERMON *It Is Better* 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

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Grateful* Mark Hayes  
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 649 *Amazing Grace*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 544 *Bless the Lord* Jacques Berthier  
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, Who leads me into life.

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace* arr. Jack Schrader

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elders #** - Sheryl Miller *(8:45)*; Meg GarverHamilton *(11:00)*

**Deacon/Ushers †** - Michael Lee, Robbie Lee,  
and Sue Bohmer *(8:45)*;

John Futrell, Campbell Futrell, Linda Fricke,  
and Elna Singleton