

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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 - Souper Bowl of Caring

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

Tuesday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Worship Service
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 22

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

Annual Congregational Dinner Meeting

This is the third 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.



On Sunday, February 8 the L.I.F.E. Youth will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations. All Contributions will be given to Sharing Life.

Won't you help us Tackle Hunger and score a goal in our area for those in need in 2026.

Elder Sign-up Sheet has been posted in the hall by Rev. Doughton's Office. Please sign-up today!

SIGN UP

Having trouble hearing during worship?

We have listening devices available in the Welcome Center, if so desired.

Having trouble reading the hymnal?

We also have hymnals with large print available.

Ushers will be glad to assist you with any and all your needs.



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 **73 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 18, 2026

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

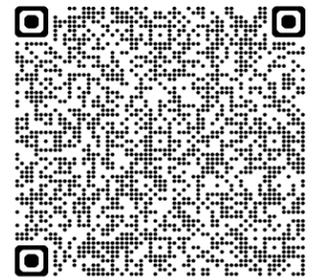
About the Cover Picture

Our parable lesson today comes from a scene at the Temple. The Wailing Wall is reputed to be the only section of Temple complex that remains. Within a football field's length of this spot, this story took place.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. John Purifoy

INTROIT 408 (v.1) *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Doris Akers
There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expression on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

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

You, O Lord, are our strength and our shield, our rock and our salvation. You, O Lord, are Holy, You alone are Perfect Love, You alone are perfect Truth; and You, O Lord, are alone worthy of praise. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Holy, and Gracious God; we confess that we have not followed the light of Your Word. We have not searched for signs of Your love in the world or trusted Your good news to be good. We have refused Your peace on earth, we have expected little, and we have hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires and godly ambitions, in Jesus' name, we pray. 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 (11:00) *Peace, Peace* Rick and Silvia Powell
Chancel Choir arr. Fred Bock
Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.
This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

Silent night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious and All-Knowing God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, feet to act as we hear Your word read and preached in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 18:9-14*

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Ecclesiastes 7:15-18*

In my vain life I have seen everything; there is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evil-doing. Be not righteous overmuch, and do not make yourself overwise; why should you destroy yourself? Be not wicked overmuch, neither be a fool; why should you die before your time? It is good that you should take hold of this, and from that withhold not your hand; for he who fears God shall come forth from them all.

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 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

SERMON *It Is Good* 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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Franklin Ritter
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 838 *Standing on the Promises*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* Welch melody

“Go, My children with My blessing, never alone.
Walking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own.”

POSTLUDE *God That Made the Earth and Heaven* arr. Todd Kendall

Please be seated for the Postlude.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elders # - Mary St. Claire Doughton (8:45); Elna Singleton (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney VanSickle, John Brown,
Taylor Hammer (8:45);
David Hammons, Bryan Sanders, Taylor Hammer,
and Sheila Hammer