

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, February 15

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

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

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth and Parent Meeting

Tuesday, February 24

2:00 p.m. - Lenten Study "The Sounds of Lent" led by Rev. Doughton

Wednesday, February 25

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 1

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

Tuesday, March 3

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Night Circle

Wednesday, March 4

2:00 p.m. - Lenten Study "The Sounds of Lent" led by Rev. Doughton
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 8

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

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting in Crossroads Class
7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in Enquiry Classroom

Wednesday, March 11

2:00 p.m. - Lenten Study "The Sounds of Lent" led by Rev. Doughton
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 14

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth & Faith Builders -
TANGO CHARITIES - FEED THE CITY



Sunday, March 15

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - **Carter BloodCare Blood Drive**
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Luncheon L.I.F.E. Youth Fund Raiser



Tuesday, March 17

2:00 p.m. - Lenten Study "The Sounds of Lent" led by Rev. Doughton

Wednesday, March 18 through Saturday, March 21

Rev. Doughton and Family will be away for spring break

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 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

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

2:00 p.m. - Lenten Study "The Sounds of Lent" led by Rev. Doughton



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

Wednesday, February 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

The [Reformed Church in America](#), describes Ash Wednesday as a day "focused on prayer, fasting, and repentance."

May we begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and our need for the love and forgiveness shown to us in Jesus Christ. I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ, to observe a Holy Lent, by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by practicing works of love, and by reading and reflecting on God's Holy Word.

Our L.I.F.E. Youth and Faith Builders, along with their sponsors will once again take part in "Feed the City" with Tango Charities.

Saturday, March 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Dudley's in Rockwall.

They will pack lunches to feed those in need!



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 February is **85 items of which 42 were from Souper Bowl of Caring.**

We also collected \$621.00 to be given to Sharing Life for the Souper Bowl of Caring.

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

SIGN UP

The 2025 Contribution Reports are available in the Welcome Center. Please stop by and pickup yours today.

We are grateful for your generosity throughout the year. May 2026 be a prosperous and productive year for God's Kingdom.

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

February 15, 2026

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

About the Cover Picture

This Sunday we conclude our series from Wisdom Literature where we began in Ecclesiastes. We look here in the end of chapter seven and many riddles of life. In the midst of riddles-we have a way forward and hope in Jesus Christ.

Proverbs

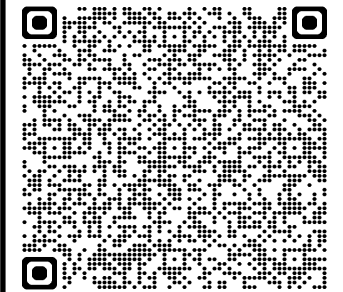
I show people how wisdom will keep you safe, happy and prosperous.

Job

Ecclesiastes

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Holy Manna* arr. Karen Thompson
Jubilate Ringers

INTROIT 616 *Our God Is an Awesome God* Punjabi Melody
Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love;
our God is an awesome God!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 96:1-2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Let us sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, Your love for us is so very evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of Your great care for us. Yet, when it comes to following You, we confess that we often don't surrender our entire selves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control instead of releasing them to Your loving care. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Forgive us for frequently saying one thing and doing another. May our words and our actions line up. Make us willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, knowing full well that You will never leave us or forsake us. We pray this humbly, in Christ's Name. 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 Ladies Who Love the Lord

ANTHEM *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Mary Lynn Thompson
Jubilate Ringers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All knowing God, as we hear Your Word today may it heal us where we need mending, may it strengthen us for the journey ahead, and may it enlarge our vision for Your will and purpose. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 22:37-40*

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Ecclesiastes 7:23 & 29*

All this I have tested by wisdom; I said, "I will be wise," but it was far from me.

See, this alone I found, that God made human beings straightforward, but they have devised many schemes.

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 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

SERMON *I Will Be Wise* 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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Bill Ingram
Jubilate Ringers

*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 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 701 *Lord, Prepare Me* arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

POSTLUDE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*
Jubilate Ringers arr. Mary Lynn Thompson

Please be seated for the Postlude.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elders # - Larry Thomas (8:45); Carol Graham (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Mike Lee, Robbie Lee,
and Larry Thomas (8:45);

Paul Luce, Harriet Jones, Amanda Aynes,
and Adeline Aynes (11:00)

Jubilate Ringers ♪ - Diane Beal, Sue Bohmer,
Kimberly Garcia, Brenda Greer, Sheila Hammer,
Paula Kusewitt, Ann Smith, and Celisa VanSickle



Lenten Study "The Sounds of Lent"

We will look at the Lenten themed sections of "The Messiah" using a Kerygma Bible Study Resource. We will then look at some familiar as well as new for us Lenten hymns. Finally, we will look at some Classic Country Music that mirrors the themes of the season. You could call this study: "Merle Haggard' meets 'Mozart' and the 'Messiah.'"

5 Classes all at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24, Wednesday, March 4,

Wednesday, March 11, Tuesday, March 17,

Wednesday, March 25