

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

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.

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 Rock-wall.

They will pack lunches to feed those in need!

Please join us for our ...

Retirement Party

Good-bye Tension,
Hello Pension!

Clarence & Brenda Greer

Saturday, March 28, 2026
at 2:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Mesquite, TX
Wilbanks Hall

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 **143 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.

HOLY WEEK



Holy Week Schedule

March 29: Palm Sunday 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

April 2: Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

April 3: Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

April 5: Easter 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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 22, 2026

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

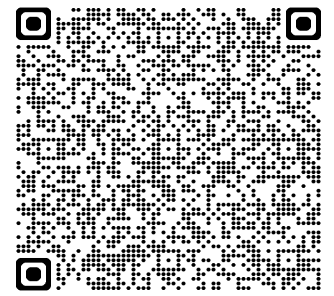
About the Cover Picture

On the cover one can see the church built upon the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount. This view is looking toward the Sea of Galilee. The hill slopes down to the water on the other side. During Lent we will look at the Beatitudes. Today, we will look at the first *beatitude*: "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit".



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. John Purifoy

INTROIT 226 (vs.1&2) *There in God's Garden* K. Lee Scott

There in God's garden stands the tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion,
tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
see there the tendrils of our human self-hood
feed on its life blood.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2;(Adapted from Joel 12:12-14)*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not
your garments. Return."

*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, Good, and Merciful God, in Your Presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your Ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 *Meekness and Majesty* Graham Kendrick
Chancel Choir arr. Jack Schrader

Meekness and Majesty, manhood and dirty, in perfect harmony
The man Who is God: Lord of eternity
Dwells in humanity, Kneels in humility
And washes our feet.

Refrain: Oh, what a mystery Meekness and Majesty:
Bow down and worship, for this is your God.

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross;
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice
and, as they crucify, Prays, "Father, forgive." (refrain)
(continued)

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, Love indestructible
In frailty appears: Lord of infinity, Stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne. (refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

God of all Wisdom and Glory, open us to work of the Holy Spirit
that we may hear Your Word with understanding, grace, and
wisdom in this Season of Lent in Jesus name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 7:24-27*

"Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them
will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and
the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat
upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded
on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine and
does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house
upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the
winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was
the fall of it."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 5:3*

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

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 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

SERMON *Poor in Spirit* 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 *Rock of Ages* arr. John Turner
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 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 226 (vs.4&6) *There in God's Garden* K. Lee Scott

See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the voice says, "Come to Me, ye weary!"
give Me your sickness; give Me all your sorrow;
I will give blessing."

All heaven is singing,
"Thanks to Christ Whose passion offers mercy,
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations, take it; take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

POSTLUDE *What Wondrous Love Is This?* arr. Mark Hayes

Please be seated for the Postlude.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elders # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Ann Smith (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney VanSickle, Bryan Sanders,
Taylor Hammer (8:45);

David Hammons, Bryan Sanders,
Taylor Hammer, and Sheila Hammer (11:00)



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**