

NOTICE OF CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This is your 2nd notice of the Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 8 at 10:30 AM. The purpose is to vote on Rev. Doughton's Terms of Call for 2026.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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 room
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
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
March 15, 2026
12:00 p.m.
\$10 per person

Dessert Auction to follow

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!

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 in February was **145 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.

Thank you to all who contribute!

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

March 1, 2026

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

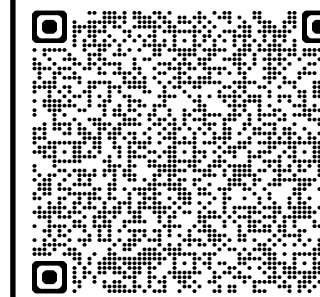
About the Cover Picture

This fresco of Jesus presenting the Beatitudes can be found in the Church of the Beatitudes. Today we will consider "Blessed are Those Who Mourn."



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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. David L. Danner

INTROIT 806 (vs. 1&2) *I'll Praise My Maker* Matthaüs Greiter

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last, or immortality endures.

How happy they whose hopes rely on Israel's God,
Who made the sky and earth and seas with their train;
Whose truth for ever stands secure, who saves the oppressed and
feeds the poor, and none shall find God's promise vain.

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 to the Lord Your God, for the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love." Come, let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us Your word, both in scripture and in Your Son, You have promised us Your presence, and You have graced us with Your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject Your purposes for us. We do not love what You love. We do not embrace what You embrace. We do not defend what You have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with Your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we may live fully for Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. 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 L.I.F.E. Youth

ANTHEM *God Be in My Head* Victor C Johnson

Chancel Choir

Refrain: God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.

(continued)

Search me, O God, and know my heart,
Test me and know my thoughts.
You have designed the path I take;
Lead me in your ways. [Refrain]
God be at my end, and at my departing.
God be within me. [Refrain]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

God of all Wisdom and Glory, open us to the 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 5:4*

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

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 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

SERMON *Those Who Mourn* Rev. Doughton

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Softly and Tenderly* arr. Michael Cox
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 †

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

*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 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* arr. Gregg Sewell

Please be seated for the Postlude.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elders # - Terri White (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney Graham, Evelyn Parker,
Susan Farmer (8:45);

Rodney Graham, Susan Leake,
Mary Claire Doughton, and Kenzie Aynes (11:00)

Carter BloodCare
BLOOD Drive
Receive a Quilted Tote Bag
Brenda from Dallas, TX
Blood Recipient
Sunday, March 15, 2026
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Mesquite
Carter BloodCare Bus
1028 S Beltline
Mesquite, TX 75149
Dr. David Beal
214-738-9910
Schedule an appointment
CarterBloodCare.org
800-366-2834 | Text CBCDonate to 999-777
*While supplies last. Appreciation gifts may be substituted for a different gift.