

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by John and Paula Kusewitt in celebration of their 28th Wedding Anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

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

Wednesday, April 1

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday in Wilbanks Hall
(Lord's Supper will be observed)

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service in the sanctuary

Sunday, April 5 - Easter

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

Tuesday, April 7

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle
 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Night Circle
 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meets in the Crossroads Class
 7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in the Youth Classroom

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 10 - Sunday, April 12

Women's Retreat at Prothro Center

Sunday, April 12

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



**Youth Mission
 Trip Fundraiser
 March 15, 2026
 12:00 p.m.
 \$10 per person
 Dessert Auction
 to follow**

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.

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 March is **49 items**.
 Thank you to all who contribute!

The Presbyterian Women with The Ladies Who Love The Lord will be collecting money for new shoes. We are accepting checks made out to Presbyterian Women. Your donation will be coupled with others and sent to Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls. Please put your donation check or cash into a pew envelope, label the envelope "PW," placing it in the offering plate before April 18, 2026. **Thank you for your generosity.**

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 15, 2026

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

About the Cover Picture

There are windows in the dome of the Church of the Beatitudes. Each beatitude appears in Latin in these windows.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Lloyd Larson

INTROIT 638 (vs.1) *O Come and Sing unto the Lord*

O come and sing unto the Lord; to God our voices raise;
let us in our most joyful songs the Lord, our Savior, praise.

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 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

*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. 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 #

ANTHEM (11:00) *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* arr. K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
and, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give Him Who gave me Thee.

(continued)

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now Thy power to see, I would be like Thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;
Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee!

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 5:6*

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

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 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

SERMON *Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness*
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

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 *St. Patrick's Day* arr. Janet Vogt
Tune from Playford's Dancing Master
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 800 *Sometimes a Light Surprises*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 421 *Have Mercy, God, upon My Life*
Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.

POSTLUDE *Danny Boy - Traditional Irish Tune: "Londonderry Air"*
Please be seated for the Postlude.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elders # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Susan Leake (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - John Futrell, Campbell Futrell,
and Larry Thomas (8:45);
John Futrell, Campbell Futrell,
Mary Lee Doughton, and Elna Singleton (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
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