

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Monday, April 6

The Church Office will be closed

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

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

Tuesday, April 14 - Friday, April 17

Rev. Doughton will be away for continuing education

Tuesday, April 14

7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in Youth Classroom

Wednesday, April 15

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 18

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Ladies Who Love the Lord in Wilbanks Hall

Sunday, April 19 - Youth Sunday (*One Worship Service will be offered*)

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 22


7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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.




Living Word Church Mesquite



PASTOR JAVIER AND SONIA MARTINEZ

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Soon we will be hosting Living Word Church as they gather for worship and ministry in our facilities. Living Word will worship in the Fellowship Hall and will use two Sunday School classrooms for children's ministry, with the possibility of a third classroom as their congregation grows. In this way, we are offering hospitality while stewarding our space for the work of the Gospel. The Living Word Church plans to hold their first service here in mid-April. *"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."* (Hebrews 13:2).

This shared use of our campus will be thoughtfully coordinated through a Session-appointed liaison team, in cooperation with our Safety Team, and with Presbytery oversight. Clear communication, mutual respect, and accountability will guide this partnership so that both congregations may worship and serve faithfully. *"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace."* (1 Corinthians 14:33).

The congregation received an overview of this opportunity at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 8. Rev. Martinez spoke to our Men's Council on February 22. For those who would like the latest update, Rev. Doughton will remain in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 29 at the conclusion of the 8:45 AM Worship Service. This information meeting will last until 10:30 AM.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

March 29, 2026

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

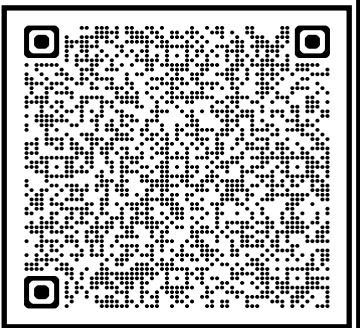
About the Cover Picture

The cover picture shows a view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. The Dome of the Rock Mosque is located where the Temple stood in the days of Jesus. In this time, Pilgrims will walk down the Mount of Olives on Palm Sunday to the city in celebration of the Entry.



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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.**




SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
arr. Barbara Boertje

INTROIT 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosana (vs. 1)* Jennette Threlfall
Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, Who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*
Grace and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also to you.
Rejoice Greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Lo, your King comes to you; Triumphant and victorious is He,
Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

*HYMN 196 *All Glory Laud, and Honor*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God, Whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we have failed to be fulfill Your will for us. We betray our neighbors and desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though You have bound Yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to You. Lord, have mercy upon us, Your weak and willful people. Lead us once again to Your table, and unite us to Christ, Who is the Bread of Life and the Vine from which we grow in grace. To Christ be praise forever and ever 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 *Blessed Is He Who Comes* arr. Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! (x4)

Hosanna to the King,
Hosanna to the King,
Hosanna to Jesus the King!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer King.

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;

Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One;
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise!

(continued)

Thou didn't accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.
All glory laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Eternal, Almighty, and Merciful God; Whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but Your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Christ, that the power of the Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to Your service. 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 5:9*

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (vs. 2 & 3)*

SERMON *The Peacemakers* 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 *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. Joel Ramey
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 198 *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

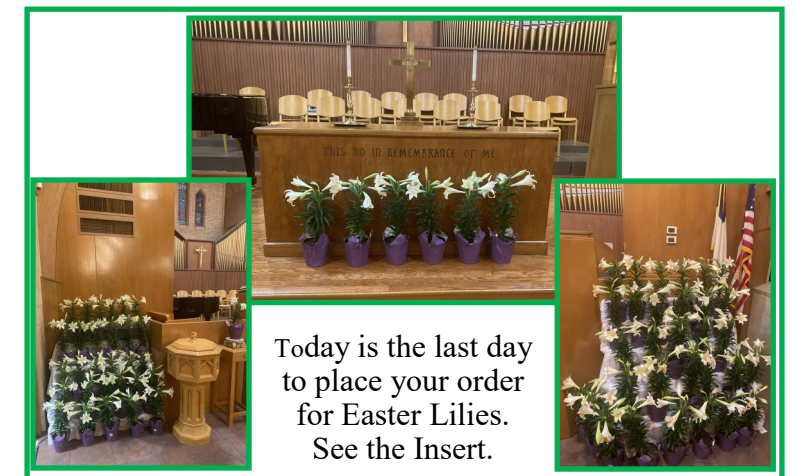
*RESPONSE 215 *What Wondrous Love is This (vs. 1)* Carlton R. Young
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

POSTLUDE *Ride On, King Jesus* arr. Larry Shackley
Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Elna Singleton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney VanSickle, John Brown,
and Taylor Hammer (8:45);
David Hammons, Bryan Sanders,
Taylor Hammer, and Sheila Hammer (11:00)



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