

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

**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

**Monday, April 13**

7:15 p.m. - Evaluation, Strategy, and Planning (ESP) Workgroup will meet

**Tuesday, April 14 - Friday, April 17**

Rev. Doughton will be away for continuing education

**Tuesday, April 14**

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering Celebration

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**

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

11:00 a.m. - Reception

**Tuesday, April 21**

7:15 p.m. - Stated Joint Officer Meeting in Genesis Classroom

**Wednesday, April 22**

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, April 22 through Saturday, April 25**

Rev. Doughton will be visiting his mother in Tennessee

**Sunday, April 26**

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

### LIVING WORD CHURCH OF MESQUITE

LWC will have their first worship service here on Sunday, April 19. Members will gather in Wilbanks Hall for prayer at 11:00 a.m. and their worship service will begin at 11:30 a.m.



**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 Shimpō, Director of Music Ministries/Organist & Pianist  
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant  
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus



### Birthday Offering

On Tuesday, April 14, the Presbyterian Women will celebrate the PW Birthday offering, with a meal. The morning circle coordinating team will provide the meal. It begins at 6:30 pm in Wilbanks Hall. Officers for 2026-2027 will be installed. We will dedicate the Birthday and Least Coin offerings.

All women are invited.

### YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE

Please join us for Youth Sunday, April 19, 2026. There will be a combined service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a reception in the main building.

The Theme for this Worship Service is:

**Stand Up, Even If You Stand Out**

based on Romans 12:2



2025 Youth Sunday

### SPRING CHURCH GARAGE SALE

IT'S SPRING CLEANING TIME!!

OUR GARAGE SALE IS

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2025

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

You've got stuff ... more than you need ... or have room for. So, clean out those closets and we'll help you get rid of that excess stuff. Remember, your stuff could become someone's treasure at the garage sale ... did we mention May 9?

Mark your calendar and plan to be here and help us.  
THIS IS HOW WE FINANCE SOME OF OUR BENEVOLENCES.

SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE WELCOME CENTER!



Thank you,  
**Gracy Thomas  
& Brenda Greer**



## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

April 12, 2026

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

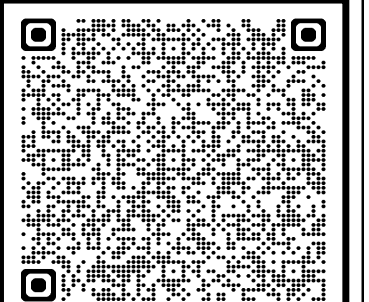
### About the Cover Picture

This view of The Church of the Beatitudes comes from the descent of the Sermon Mount. This is a final viewing. We take our final look at the Beatitudes this Sunday.



### 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 *As the Deer* arr. Douglas E Wagner

INTROIT 626 *As the Deer* Martin J Nystrom  
As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.  
You alone are my strength, my shield;  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 18:1-3*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### And also to you.

We love You, Lord, our strength. The Lord is our fortress, and our deliver, our God, our rock in Whom we take refuge, our shield, our stronghold, and the horn of our salvation. Let us call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised.

\*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

## \*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 *(8:45) I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* arr. Donald Moore  
Chancel Choir - Men

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
In my trials, Lord, O comfort me;  
In my trials, Lord, O comfort me.  
When the shades of life are falling,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
Jesus, walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
When my head's bowed down in sorrow,  
I want Jesus to walk with me,  
To walk with me, to walk with me.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing God-as Your Word is read and preached may it shine Your light on our lives, may it sharpen our wills to respond, and may it guide our direction to follow we pray in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # (*♦ at 11:00*) *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 # (*♦ at 11:00*) *Matthew 5:10*

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, 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 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

SERMON *The Persecuted* 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 *Immortal, Invisible* arr. David Paxton  
*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 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 709 *God, We Honor You* James E Clemens

God, we honor You. God, we trust in You.  
God, we worship and adore You.  
Take what we bring, offered to You.  
Teach us to show Your abundant blessings.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

POSTLUDE *Morning Has Broken* arr. Eric Thomas

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*


## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elders #** - Brian Neece *(8:45)*; Paul Luce *(11:00)*

**Deacon/Ushers †** - Dallas Ward, Nick Scholl,  
and Michael Lee *(8:45)*;

Dallas Ward, Nick Scholl, and Linda Fricke *(11:00)*

**Youth Reader ♦** - Kenzie Aynes *(11:00)*



**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 April is **4 items**.

Thank you to all who contribute!