

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, April 26

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast - Wilbanks Hall
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, April 27

7:15 p.m. - Evaluation, Strategy, and Planning Work Group, Enquiry Class

Wednesday, April 29

4:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting - Pastor's Office
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 3

Mo-Ranch Men's Retreat

Saturday, May 2

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Venturing Crew 138 will hold a Cavalcade Planning Meeting in Wilbanks Hall

Sunday, May 3

Lord's Supper will be observed at both Worship Services
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday, May 5

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle
 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

Wednesday, May 6

5:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 9

7:00 a.m. - Set Up Garage Sale
 8:00 a.m. - Man the Garage Sale
 3:00 p.m. - Clean Up Garage Sale

Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Men's Council - Mothers' Day Pancake Brunch, Wilbanks Hall

Tuesday, May 12

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting - Crossroads Class
 7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting - Senior High Classroom

Wednesday, May 13

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 16

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Grace Presbytery - Presbyterian Women Gathering in Wilbanks Hall

Sunday, May 17 - Senior Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 12:00 p.m. - Luncheon for our graduating Senior - Campbell Futrell

Tuesday, May 19

7:15 p.m. - Session and Deacons will meet for the Joint Stated Meeting in the Genesis Classroom

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 23 to Saturday, May 30

Reverend Doughton and family will be away on a family vacation

Sunday, May 24 - Pulpit Supply - Rev. Craig Krueger

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

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



*Mother's Day Pancake
 Brunch*
Sunday, May 10, 2026
During the Sunday School
Flour
9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Presented by the Men's
Council
Please R.S.V.P. in the
Welcome Center



**PRESBYTERIAN
 WOMEN**

The form for registering for the Grace PW Spring Workshop can be found in the Welcome Center. The event is Saturday, May 16, in Wilbanks Hall. It begins at 9 am and ends by 2 pm.

All ladies are cordially invited to this event. Registration is \$15.00 which covers registration and lunch. Deadline for registration is May 8.

Thanks, Patty Kim

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 **71 items.**

Thank you to all who contribute!

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 YOUTH SUNDAY

April 26, 2026

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

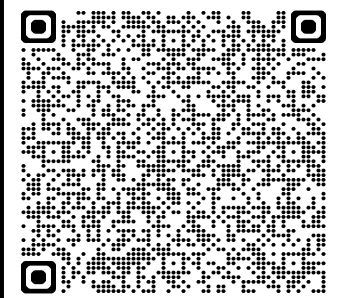
About the Cover Picture

"Renew your mind" is the command of scripture. Renewing the mind can involve all types of preparation. It involves all types of input. The Library at the Biltmore House represents one of those inputs-what we read. This Sunday let us see what else is involved.



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 *O Worship the King* arr. Lloyd Larson

INTROIT 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* Geron Davis
We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in His presence on holy ground.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 149:1-4*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Praise the Lord, Sing to the Lord a new song, let the children rejoice in their King, let them praise Him by making melody, for the Lord takes pleasure in His people.

*HYMN 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have done those things that which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O Merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your name 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 *Up from the Grave He Arose* Robert Lowry
Chancel Choir

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
Refrain: Up from the grave He arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!
Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [*Refrain*]
Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [*Refrain*]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All knowing, Faithful, God Who directs the steps of those who listen, may Your Word today inspire us with purpose, may it challenge us to live with integrity, and may we discern Your leadership for our lives and this church, 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 # *Romans 12:1-2*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 175 *Seek Ye First*

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SERMON *Present Yourself* 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 *Seek Ye First* arr. John Purifoy
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 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Stuart Dauermann

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.


POSTLUDE *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Geoffrey Andrews
Please be seated for the Postlude.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Dr. Ron Smith (11:00)
Deacons/Ushers † - Michael Lee, Robbie Lee,
and Sue Bohmer (8:45);
Paul Luce, Harriet Jones, Amanda Aynes,
Adeline Aynes (11:00)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God, by Duane and Joanne Moon, in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



FYI - The Living Word Church acknowledges that we will be having two gatherings on two back to back Sundays according to our calendar in May, and we will be using Wilbanks Hall. In lieu of that, LWC has decided to change both of their Sunday services from May 10 and May 17 to Saturday services. Saturday Services would start at 5:00 p.m. LWC would gather here around 4:15 p.m. to set up on May 9 and May 16.