

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 3

Mo-Ranch Men's Retreat

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



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.

**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 **106 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

May 3, 2026

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

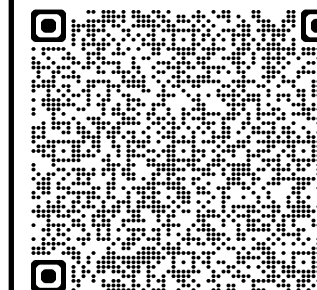
About the Cover Picture

Here are scenes from the 2022 Youth Mission Trip to Albuquerque and the 2025 Youth Mission Trip to Milwaukee. Those who went gave of themselves with their various gifts. Sometimes they painted fences. They created crafts for residents. They did demo work on a building. They worked in a garden. All had a gift to share. Today, we will look at the gifts given to us by God-and how we can use them.



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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 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. John Purifoy

INTROIT 614 *Great Are You, Lord* Michael W. Smith
Deborah D. Smith

Great are You, Lord: You are holy and just;
by Your power we trust in Your love.
Great are You, Lord: You are faithful and true;
by Your mercy You prove You are love.
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord.
We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 136:1*

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal, Almighty, and Merciful God; our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by those in need. O God, in Your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through 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 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* arr. Donald Moore
Chancel Choir

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.

(continued)

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

Gracious and Loving God, As we once again hear Your Word may it convict us of where we fall short, may it show us a better way to live, and may we have a vision of Your holiness in Jesus' Name, Amen.

FIRST 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.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Romans 12:3-8*

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 693 *Though I May Speak*

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SERMON *By the Grace Given to Me* Rev. Doughton

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The Gift of Love* arr. John Carter
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 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE 43 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord.*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in Whom I trust!"

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

POSTLUDE *On Eagle's Wings* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Please be seated for the Postlude.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Susan Leake (11:00)

Deacons/Ushers † - Evelyn Parker, John Brown,
and Taylor Hammer (8:45);

Nick Scholl, Taylor Hammer, Sheila Hammer,
and Kenzie Aynes (11:00)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God, by Ann Smith, in loving memory of her husband, Pat Smith, honoring him on his birthday.