

and Sue Bohmer(8:45);
Paul Luce, Harriet Jones,
Amanda Aynes, and Adeline Aynes (11:00)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God, by Eric and Lori Schwartz, in honor of their 12th Anniversary of Marriage.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, May 31

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

Monday, June 1

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

Tuesday, June 2

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting in Crossroads Class

Wednesday, June 3

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

Saturday, June 6 - Friday, June 12

Youth Mission Trip to Louisville, Kentucky

Sunday, June 7 - Pulpit Supply - Rev. James Witherow

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

Tuesday, June 9

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women will meet for dinner at Joe's Pizza & Italian Grill 308 S Galloway Ave, Mesquite TX

Wednesday, June 10

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, June 13

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Surprise Birthday party - Wilbanks Hall

Sunday, June 14

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

Tuesday, June 16

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

Saturday, June 20

9:00 a.m. - Decorate for VBS Wilbanks Hall

Sunday, June 21 - Father's Day

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

Saturday, June 27

9:00 a.m. - Decorate for VBS Wilbanks Hall

Sunday, June 28

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
5:00 p.m. - VBS Kickoff Pot Luck Dinner
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. VBS Classes

Monday, June 29 through Thursday, July 2

5:30 p.m. - VBS Dinner (Optional)
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - VBS Classes

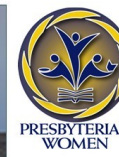
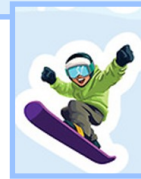


VBS at FPC Mesquite

Save the Date:
Sunday, June 28th thru
Thursday, July 2

5:30 p.m. - VBS Dinner (Optional)
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. VBS Classes
sign-ups begin soon

In Snowball Mountain Challenge, your children will learn that God is the source of their strength!



The Long-Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman Program acts as an independent advocate for residents in nursing homes, assisted living, and board and care facilities. Mandated by the Older Americans Act, these professionals and volunteers investigate complaints, protect residents' rights, and improve quality of care. Services are free, confidential, and available nationwide.

The Ladies Who Love the Lord is partnering with the Presbyterian Women to collect toiletries for disbursement through the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program that serves Dallas County Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities. Here are some examples of their needs:

- Non-Skid Slipper Socks
- Ankle Sock or Tube Socks
- Lotion (rich in Aloe or Shea Butter)
- Hair Products
- Shaving Cream
- Oral hygiene (Soft-bristle Toothbrushes, Denture Cleaner, Denture adhesive, Mouthwash)

Last day to contribute will be Friday, July 17.



THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues. . .

Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to 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 for May is currently **160** items.

Thank you for your generosity.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ryoji Shimpo, Director of Music/Organist/Pianist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

May 31, 2026

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

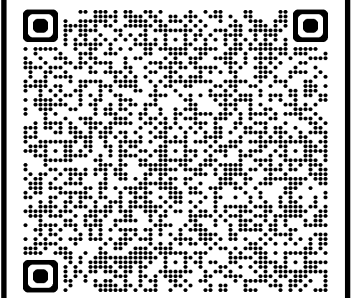
About the Cover Picture

These scenes come from the very Gentile city of Sephorris located just three miles from Nazareth. As it so close to Nazareth, Joseph and Jesus probably worked on projects in the town. As a Roman administrative center, this city served as an outpost of Empire. Today we will look at Paul's words to those in the Empire. How does one live faithfully as member of the larger society? those whose sacrifice made our lives today possible.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *O God Beyond All Praising* arr. Lloyd Larson

INTROIT *O God, Show Mercy to Us (v.1)* Gustav Holst

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with Your grace;
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of Your face,
so that Your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
and unto every people Your saving grace be shown.
Let all the peoples praise You; let all the nations sing;
in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

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 336 *We Gather Together*

*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 *(11:00)* *An American Tribute* Douglas E. Wagner
Chancel Choir

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountains majesties, above the fruited plain.
America, America, God shed his grace on thee,
and crown they good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.
My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
America! America! Of thee I sing.

READING *Prayer for Healing and a Meaningful Life*
adapted from President Jimmy Carter
and President Ronald Reagan

*HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious God, Your grace is sufficient—and we pray for Your grace to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds as Your Word is read and preached today. 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 13:1-7*

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 337 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee (v.4)*

SERMON *Model Citizens* Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH I Vow to Thee my Country
tune is "THAXTED"

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago, Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know; We may not count her armies, we may not see her King; Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering; And soul by soul and silently shining bounds increase; And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

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.

*HYMN 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Reflections on 'America'* Hugh S Livingston, Jr
Ryoji Shimpō, pianist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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 †

COMMISSIONING YOUTH MISSION TEAM *(11:00)*

*HYMN *Almighty Father, Strong to Save* William Whiting,
Robert Nelson Spencer

Almighty Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our traffic runs amain
by mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy brethren go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From every peril on the land.
O Spirit, Whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
Save all those who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care For every peril in the air.
O Trinity of love and power, Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go; Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *O God, Show Mercy to Us (v.2)* Gustav Holst

For You will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness,
and on the earth all nations will Your just rule confess.
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing.
Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring.
The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessings send,
and all the earth will worship to its remotest end.

*VOLUNTARY *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* arr. Mark Hayes

Please be seated for the Voluntary

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Evelyn Parker (8:45); Ann Smith (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Mike Lee, Robbie Lee,