

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Carolyn and Steven Yaden, in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary, July 4, 1987, and in celebration of the 250th birthday of America!

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

- Sunday, July 5**  
*The 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, July 7**  
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meeting in Crossroads Class  
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women will meet for Dinner at Joe’s Pizza and Pasta Grill, 308 S. Galloway Ave., Mesquite, 75149
- Wednesday, July 8**  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, July 12**  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - **Carter BloodCare Mobile Unit** will be here  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- Wednesday, July 15**  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, July 16 to Monday, July 20**  
Renee Stormer will be away on a family vacation
- Tuesday, July 21 to Friday, July 24**  
Ryoji Shimpo will be away for continuing education - Alleluia Conference
- Wednesday, July 22**  
7:30 a.m. - DFW Scent Training (for dogs)
- Saturday, July 25 to Monday, August 3**  
Rev. Doughton will be away on a family vacation
- Sunday, July 26 - Guest Preacher, Craig Krueger**  
7:30 a.m. - Men’s Council Breakfast - Craig Krueger is the Guest Speaker  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- Sunday, August 2 - Guest Preacher**  
*The 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
- Wednesday, August 5**  
5:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, August 9 - Blessing of the Backpacks @ 11:00**  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- Monday, August 10**  
7:15 p.m. - Evaluation, Strategy, and Planning Committee will meet in the Crossroads Classroom
- Tuesday, August 11**  
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Mtg. - Crossroads Classroom  
7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in Sr. High Classroom
- Wednesday, August 12**  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, August 16 Rally Day**  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
12:00 p.m. - Indoor Picnic in Wilbanks Hall
- Tuesday, August 18**  
7:15 p.m. - Joint Officers Called Meeting in Genesis Classroom

Help a neighbor by donating blood.  
Local donors save local lives: Carter BloodCare donors made the difference for many Texas patients.  
Our Next Blood Drive will be Sunday, July 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Please roll-up your sleeve and give the gift of life.





Elder Sign-up Sheet for the second half of the year has been posted in the hall by Rev. Doughton’s Office.  
Please sign-up today!

Blessing of the Backpacks  
Sunday, August 9, 2026





SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026



Feeding the Community

**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 collected in June was **145 items**.  
**Thank You!**

**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

July 5, 2026  
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

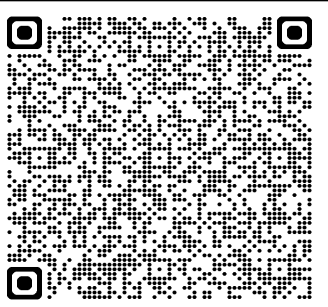
Cover Picture

These views come from the Church of St. Gabriel in Nazareth. This is the traditional well site where Gabriel spoke to Mary. Here is the place where God "interrupted" the life of Mary. Today we will look more at "The God Who Interrupts."



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*The Washington Post*

J.P. Sousa  
arr. D. Coates

INTROIT 341 (v.1)

*O God, Show Mercy to Us*

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 118:24; 103:1*

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**And also to you.**  
This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Bless the Lord O, my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name.

\*HYMN 327

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Might, Mercy, and Compassion; in Jesus Christ we behold Your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Focused on ourselves, we fail to see Your work in the world. We speak when we should listen, we act when we should reflect. Give us strength to live in Your light and to walk in Your ways, for the sake of Him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and 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 #

READING

*Prayers for the Nation*  
(Adapted from prayers given by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt)

ANTHEM

*My Country, Tis of Thee, from Harmonia Anglicana*  
vocalist - Karen Carboni, Victor Carboni, and Brenda Greer  
guitarist - Stephen Leake

READING

*Prayers for the American People*  
(Based on prayers given by James E. Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush)

\*HYMN 338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Katharine Lee Bates

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. As Your Word is read and preached may it guide us in the right path, may it direct our steps, and may it lead us to our hearts true desire in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*I Samuel 2:1-2*

Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. "There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides You; there is no Rock like our God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*Luke 1:26-33*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*The God Who Interrupts*

Rev. Doughton

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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; her shining bounds increase; and her ways are ways of gentleness; And all her paths are peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Reflections on ‘America’*

Hugh S Livingston, Jr  
Ryoji Shimpō, 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 329

*God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 337(v.4)

*My Country Tis of Thee*

Samuel Francis Smith  
Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by Thy might, great God, our King.

POSTLUDE

*The Stars and Stripes Forever*

J.P. Sousa  
arr. D. Coates

Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Larry Thomas (8:45); Clarence Greer (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Mike Lee, Robbie Lee, and Sue Bohmer (8:45);  
Paul Luce, Nick Scholl,  
Amanda Aynes, and Adeline Aynes (11:00)