

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Aaron and Rebecca Sheppard-Mahaffey in honor of their wedding.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

- Thursday, July 16 to Monday, July 20**
Renee Stormer will be away on a family vacation
- Sunday, July 19**
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 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, Rev. 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, Rev. Josh Maddin**
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 Stated Meeting in Genesis Classroom
- Wednesday, August 19**
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, August 23**
7:30 a.m. - Men’s Council Breakfast - Youth from Mission Trip (speakers)
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- Tuesday, August 25**
6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Kick-off Dinner for 2026-2027
- Wednesday, August 26**
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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



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 thus far in July is **54 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 19, 2026
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

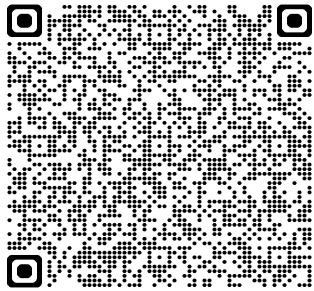
Cover Picture

This is a view of the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem. Paul left the city through an earlier version of this gate to reach Damascus. However, a funny thing happened along the way.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

INTROIT 408 There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit Doris Akers
There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Psalm 147:1
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also to you.
Praise the Lord, how good it is to sing praises to our God; for He is gracious and a song of praise is fitting. Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure. Praise the Lord.

*HYMN 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Mighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from Your truth and from Your holy will. We have failed in love, we have forgotten to be just, and we have turned away from Your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to Your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. 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) Living on the Shore P.P. Bilhorn
Chancel Choir arr. Stan Pethel
I’ve cast my heavy burdens down on Canaan’s happy shore;
I’m living where the healing waters flow.
I’ll wander in the wilderness of doubt and sin no more;
I’m living where the healing waters flow.
Refrain: Living on the shore, I’m living on the shore,
I’m living where the healing waters flow.
Living on the shore, I’m living on the shore,
I’m living where the healing waters flow.
(continued)

With Israel’s trusting children, I’m rejoicing on my way;
I’m living where the healing waters flow.
The cloudy, fiery pillar is my guiding light today;
I’m living where the healing waters flow. [Refrain]
I’m singing, “Hallelujah;” safely anchored is my soul;
I’m living where the healing waters flow.
I’m resting on His promises, His blood has made me whole;
I’m living where the healing waters flow. [Refrain]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Gracious, Loving and All-Knowing God, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our strength and Redeemer. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # Psalm 139:1-3
O LORD, Thou hast searched me and known me! Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise up; Thou discernest my thoughts from afar. Thou searchest out my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # Acts 9:1-9
But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him. And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting; but rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul arose from the ground; and when his eyes were opened, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

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 450 Be Thou My Vision

SERMON The God Who Redirects 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

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Be Thou My Vision arr. Lloyd Larson
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 †

*HYMN 462 I Love to Tell the Story

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 726 (v.1) Will You Come and Follow Me John Bell
Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let My love be shown; will you let My name be known;
will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

POSTLUDE I Love to Tell the Story arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP
Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Sheila Hammer (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Rod Graham, Evelyn Parker,
Mike Lee, and Robbie Lee (8:45);
Rod Graham, Bryan Sanders,
Carol Graham, and Adeline Aynes (11:00)