

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Duane and Joanne Moon in honor Duane’s beloved mother, Wanda Moon.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

- Sunday, August 9 - Blessing of the Backpacks at 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
- Monday, August 17**
7:00 p.m.– Personnel Committee Meeting
- 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
2:00 p.m. – L.I.F.E. Youth & Faith Builders Pool Party at Woodcreek
- 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
- Sunday, August 30**
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- Tuesday, September 1**
9:15 a.m. – Presbyterian Women Morning Circle, Bus. Mtg/Bible Study
7:00 p.m. – Presbyterian Women Night Circle, Potluck Dinner & Bible Study
- Wednesday, September 2**
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, September 3 through Tuesday, September 8**
Renee Stormer will be away on Vacation
- Sunday, September 4**
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

THOSE WHO SERVE

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

Blessing
of the
Backpacks

Sunday,
August 9,
2026



Rally Day - Back to Church Picnic

1. Come to church on Rally Day!
Sunday, August 16, 2026
2. Bring a Friend
3. Attend Sunday School
4. Attend a Worship Service
5. Stay for lunch - Chef Rod Graham will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs out on the grill.



Please bring a dessert to share!

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!

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 August is **39 items. Thank You!**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 9, 2026

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

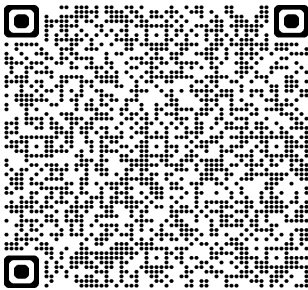
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Prophets can bring hard words to the people. However, we can understand the words in the framework of relationships. That is the relationship between God and God's people. Also, there are usually words of hope and restoration in the books. As I think of restoration, I think of the return of the Bluebonnets each spring. Enjoy these pictures of Bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrushes from the Spring of 2026.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Meditation on ‘Lauda Anima’ arr. Anna Laura Page

INTROIT 673 (vs.1) Jesus, Light of Joy John Goss
Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let Your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing, heaven’s everlasting sign.
Alleluia, alleluia, we adore You, light divine.

CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Psalm 8:1,3,4,9
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also, to you.
Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
You have set Your glory above in the heavens. When we look at
Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, who are we that You are
mindful of us, that You care for us. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic
is Your name in all the earth!

*HYMN 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God, in every age You have raised
up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our
indifference to Your will. You have commanded us to speak,
but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just,
but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, Your faithless
servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow, so that
living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom
promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with Him forever. 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 Love Always Echoes True Victoria Schwarz
Chancel Choir arr. Roger Thornhil
Refrain: Love is patient, kind, and fair, and never-ending, too.
It bears all things, believes all things, and always echoes true.
Reflecting Christ’s own endless grace, Love always echoes true.
If I speak with words of gold or angel voice employ,
But have not love, my words are vain, and merely echo noise.
[Refrain]
If I have faith, and mountains move, and give away my all,
But have not love, my works are naught, a shadow of God’s call.
[Refrain]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #
Almighty and All-knowing God, as Your Word is read and
preached inspire our minds with strong conviction, give us the
courage to act as You call us, and fill us with compassion in our
hearts.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Joel 2:25
I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, My great army, which I
sent against you.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Hosea 14:4-7
I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for My anger has
turned from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom
like the lily, he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon. His
shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and
his fragrance like that of Lebanon. They shall again live beneath
My shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like
the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (11:00)
Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 329 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength
SERMON Restoration 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 The Solid Rock arr. Mark Hayes
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 353 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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 filed will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE You Shall Go Out with Joy Geoffrey Andrews
Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP
Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Amanda Aynes (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Kirk Dixon, Susan Farmer,
and Sue Bohmer (8:45);
Paul Luce, Mary Lee Doughton,
Kenzie Aynes, and Adeline Aynes (11:00)



FYI - The Living Word Church acknowledges that we will have a gathering on Sunday, August 16 in Wilbanks Hall. We will be celebrating “Rally Day - Back to Church” with an Indoor Picnic.

In lieu of that, LWC has changed their Sunday service from August 16 to Saturday, August 15.

Their Saturday service begins with Prayer at 2:00 p.m. and Worship at 3:00 p.m.

May the Lord bless their time of Worship.