

# FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Patricia Kim in memory of her beloved husband, Stephen, and in honor of their wedding in August 1967.

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

- 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  
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  
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Parent and Youth Meeting
- Monday, August 31**  
7:30 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting Senior High Classroom
- 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 6**  
*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
- Monday, September 7**  
The Church Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 8**  
7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting in Crossroads Class
- Wednesday, September 9**  
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## 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

## 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!



## 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 **78 items. Thank You!**

# GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 16, 2026

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

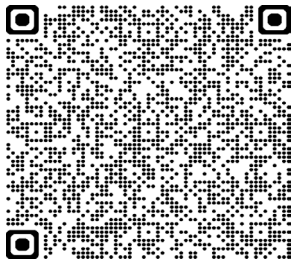
## Cover Picture

This is a view of a World War One Memorial in Nashville, TN, near the State Capitol. The pillars give us a straight line. Builders would use a “plumb line” to measure how straight stood a wall or a pillar. We hear about God’s plumb line in the prophecies of Amos. Today we revisit two prophets, Amos and Micah, who had challenging words to give to the people of God.



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## STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

INTROIT 705                  *You Are Holy*                  Marc Imboden  
                                         & Tammy Rhoton

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

You, O Lord, are our strength and our shield, our rock and our salvation. You, O Lord, are Holy, You alone are Perfect Love, You alone are Perfect Truth; and You, O Lord, are alone worthy of praise. Let us worship God.

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin.  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.  
*Refrain:* I saw the light, I saw the light.  
No more darkness, no more night.  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Just like a blind man, I wandered along.  
Worries and fear I claimed for my own.  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,  
Praise the lord, I saw the light. *[Refrain]*

I was a fool to wander and stray.  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. *[Refrain]*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Micah 6:8*  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord  
require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk  
humbly with your God?

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)  
Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

SERMON                      *Challenge*                      Rev. Doughton

### PASTORAL PRAYER

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## 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 †

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

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 550      *Give Praise to the Lord*      C. Hubert H. Parry

Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;  
amid all the saints God's praises prolong;  
a song to your Maker and Ruler now raise,  
all children of Zion: rejoice and give praise.

POSTLUDE      *God of Our Fathers*      arr. Tedd Smith

*Please be seated as the Postlude begins.*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Elder #** - Carol Graham (8:45); Brenda Greer (11:00)  
**Deacon/Ushers** † - Rodney VanSickle, John Brown,  
 and Taylor Hammer (8:45);  
 David Hammons, Bryan Sanders,  
 Taylor Hammer, and Sheila Hammer (11:00)

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!