

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 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
- 4:00 p.m. - Scouts Court of Honor in Wilbanks Hall

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

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
- 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle, Potluck Dinner & Bible Study

Wednesday, September 9

- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 13

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00 p.m. - Lemonade Social

Monday, September 14

- 7:15 p.m. - Church Officer Nominating Committee - Crossroads

Tuesday, September 15

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



GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

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

Cover Picture

Symbols of Hope: green growth by the shores of the Dead Sea, flowers growing in colder climates of Alaska, flowers growing in the heat of the high plains of New Mexico, cool waters in a garden in Arkansas. All of these images can inspire visions of hope and endurance. They call us to not just survive but to thrive. Today we will look at words of the prophets that lead us to hope-even when the immediate future is dim.

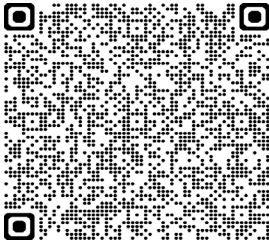


Visions of Hope and Endurance



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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 **113 items. Thank You!**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! arr. Tom Birchwood

INTROIT 406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground Ceron Davis

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Psalm 34:1,22,3

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also, to you.

We will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in our mouths. The Lord redeems the lives of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned. O magnify the Lord with me and let us worship His name together.

*HYMN 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Holy, and Gracious God; we confess that we have not looked to Your light, we have not followed Your ways, we have not sought Your perfect wisdom. We have done what we should not have done. We have neglected to do the actions You call us to do. We have not loved as You call us to love. We have not thought through our days as You call us to think. Forgive us, we pray, by the forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit give us minds to think, wills to act, and hearts to love that bring honor and glory to You. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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 Alpha and Omega Jim Ailor

Chancel Choir

I am God, there is no other. I, the Lord, shall never change.
Yesterday, today, forever, I shall remain the same.
I laid the earth’s foundation. The future’s in My hands.
Age to age creation listens to hear My next command.
Refrain: I am Alpha and Omega. And I am the great I AM,
Who is, who was and is to come, The Revelation Lamb!
My Word shall stand forever. My light shall never dim.
My love, it never ceases. My mercies never end. [Refrain]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing God, as we hear Your Word today may it heal us where we need mending, may it strengthen us for the journey ahead, and may it enlarge our vision for Your will and purpose. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # Nahum 1:7

The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of trouble; He protects those who take refuge in Him,

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Habakkuk 3:17-19

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 693 Though I May Speak

SERMON Hope 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 Gift of Love arr. John Carter

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 321 The Church’s One Foundation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 743 O God, You Are My God David Strasser

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You’ll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days

POSTLUDE The Church’s One Foundation arr. Clarence Kohlmann

Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Amanda Aynes (8:45); Sheila Hammer (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Rod Graham, Mike Lee, and Robbie Lee (8:45); Rod Graham, Susan Leake, Mary Claire Doughton, and Kenzie Aynes (11:00)

The Officer Nominating Committee is now scheduled to meet on Tuesday, September 14. In light of that new meeting time, the opportunity to nominate officers is extended until August 30.



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!