

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Meg GarverHamilton in honor of her 18th wedding anniversary to Terry Hamilton and in loving memory of her daughter, Karen Garver on the 29th anniversary of her death.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

- Sunday, September 27 – Stewardship Begins**
7:30 a.m. – Men’s Council Breakfast – Speaker, David Hammons
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- Monday, September 28**
7:00 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal
- Tuesday, September 29**
7:00 p.m. – Personnel Committee will meet in the Crossroads Classroom
- Wednesday, September 30**
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 3**
T/B/A – Addressing Mesquite
- Sunday, October 4 – World Communion Sunday**
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
4:00 p.m. – All Church Annual Picnic
5:00 p.m. – Dinner will be served
6:00 p.m. – Vespers will begin
- Monday, October 5**
7:00 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal
- Tuesday, October 6**
9:15 a.m. – Presbyterian Women’s Morning Circle in Crossroads Classroom
7:00 a.m. – Presbyterian Women’s Night Circle in Crossroads Classroom
- Wednesday, October 7**
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, October 8**
Presbytery Meeting in Granbury, TX
- Saturday, October 10**
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Tango Tab @ Cotton Patch Café in Rockwall
- Sunday, October 11 – Blood Drive**
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Carter BloodCare Bus (signup & give)
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- Monday, October 12**
7:00 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal
- Tuesday, October 13**
7:00 p.m. – Christian Education Committee Meeting – Crossroad Classroom
- Wednesday, October 14**
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

MESQUITE
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Eric Schwartz, is our team leader. He says, "Our tasks are light this year. General yardwork, window washing, and some limb removal."

2026

Addressing Mesquite Day

Saturday, October 3, 2026
Volunteer Forms are in the Welcome Center

Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, October 4
at 4:00 p.m.

City Lake Pavilion
403 S. Galloway Ave.
Mesquite, TX 75149

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 11
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

BLOOD DRIVE

Sign-up. Give Blood. Save Lives.

Mission-minded believers make a difference in the community

Carter BloodCare

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 September is **127 items. Thank You!**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

September 27, 2026
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

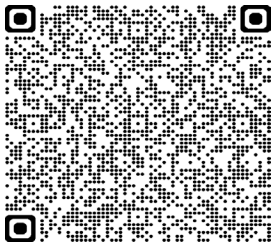
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Sepphoris served as the Administrative Capital of Galilee. The thoroughly Gentile city had a Jewish minority. These mosaics of Amazons come from the city. Two of the three founders of the church at Philippi were women. We will learn a bit about them as well as others in that Roman city and colony. The church at Philippi has a reputation for joy. What was their secret?



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Hosanna, Loud Hosanna arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! John Darwall
Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; Psalm 149:1-4
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also, to you.
Praise the Lord, sing to the Lord a new song, let the children rejoice in their King, let them praise Him by making melody, for the Lord takes pleasure in His people.

*HYMN 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have done those things that which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O Merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your name. 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 #

MOMENT FOR MISSION Stewardship

ANTHEM Lord, Here Am I John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;
Only direct me, and I’ll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me,
What is my labor and where it shall be.

Refrain: Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
“Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

(continued)

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
Willing to follow if Thou will but lead;

Only support me with grace in my need. Refrain

Living or dying, I still would be Thine.
Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.

Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;
pity and bring me again to the light. Refrain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty God, Your Word makes wise the simple-open us to Your message today as we hear Your Word read and preached in Jesus Name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 2:1-4

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

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 720 Jesus Calls Us

SERMON Joyful Grace 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 Holy, Holy, Holy arr. Brent Edstrom
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 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 443 (vs.1) There Is a Redeemer
There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

POSTLUDE Amazing Grace arr. Jack Schrader
Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP
Elder # - Beverlee Witty (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)
Deacon/Ushers † - Dallas Ward, Michael Lee,
and Robbie Lee (8:45);
Amanda Aynes, Susan Leake,
Mary Claire Doughton, and Kenzie Aynes (11:00)

