

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, October 4 – Worldwide 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

Wednesday, October 14 through Friday, October 16

- Rev. Doughton to visit his mother, and give his sister respite care

Sunday, October 18

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- T/B/D – Youth & Faith Builders Fun and Games

Monday, October 19

- 7:00 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Monday, October 19 through Wednesday, October 21

- Rev. Doughton will be away at a Preaching Seminar

Wednesday, October 21

- 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 22 through Tuesday, October 27

- Renee Stormer will be away 40th wedding anniversary

Sunday, October 25 – Dedication Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. – Men’s Council Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. – Called Congregational Meeting to vote on Church Officers
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages



Called Congregational Meeting

This is the first announcement of the Called Congregational meeting, Sunday, October 25, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and act upon the report from the Church Officer Nominating Committee.

ELDER:

- Sue Bohmer _____
- Susan Farmer _____
- Taylor Hammer _____
- Elna Singleton _____
- Jan Sloan _____
- Carolyn Yaden _____
- McKenzie Aynes (Youth Elder) _____

TRUSTEE:

- Matthew Armstrong _____

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 in September was **164 items. Thank You!**

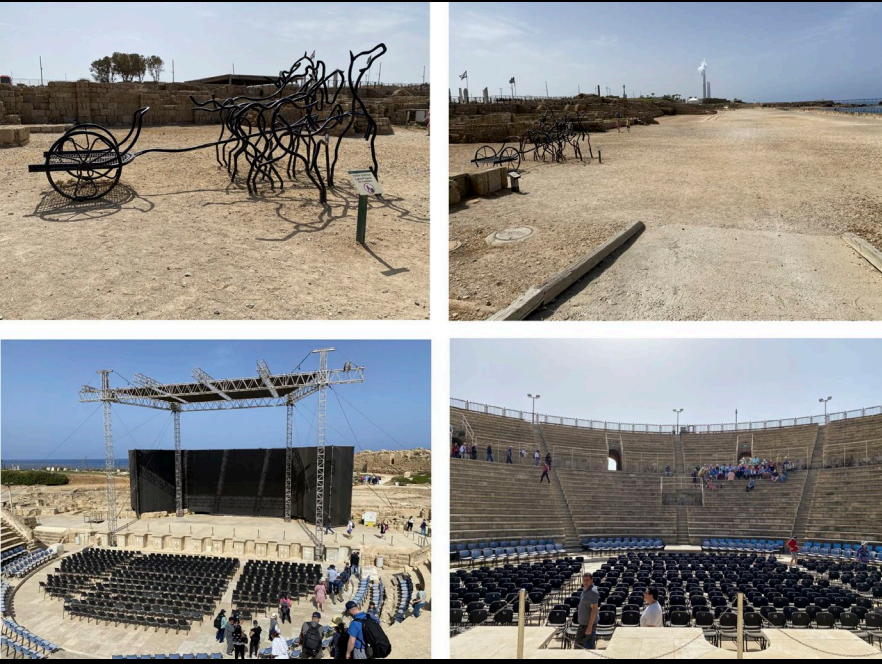
GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 4, 2026

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

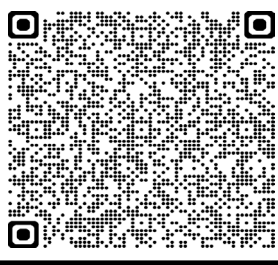
Cover Picture

These images come from the thoroughly Romanized city of Caesarea Maritima in northern Israel. Theaters and Hippodromes (racetrack for horses) were part of every Greco-Roman city. These would be familiar scenes for anyone in Corinth. Today we will look at that city and the church gathered there.



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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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* arr. Lloyd Larson

INTROIT *403 (vs.1) Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*
Joachim Neander

Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God Who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 136:1*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also, to you.
Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal, Almighty, and Merciful God; our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived to ourselves and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by those in need. O God, in Your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 *At the Table of the Lord* David Angerman
Chancel Choir & Joseph M. Martin

At the table of the Lord there is hope.
At the table of the Lord there is joy.
Come and take your place at the banquet of grace.
There is room at the table for you.
At the table of the Lord there is peace.
At the table of the Lord there is love.
And though many have come, there is still room for one,
There is room at the table for you.

At the table of the Lord there is rest for the weary.
At the table of the Lord there is strength for the soul.
At the table of the Lord there is comfort and mercy,
and the lives that are broken can all be made whole.

At the table of the Lord there is life.
At the table of the Lord there is grace.
The meal is prepared; no cost has been spared.
There is room at the table for you.
The meal is prepared; no cost has been spared.
There is room at the table for you.
At the table of the Lord there is peace.
At the table of the Lord there is hope.
At the table of the Lord there is joy.
There is love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #
Gracious God, Your grace is sufficient-and we pray for Your grace to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds as Your Word is read and preached today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Acts 18:1-4*
After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks..

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *I Corinthians 1:10-13*
Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?
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 803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

SERMON *Messy Grace* Rev. Doughton

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist arr. Franklin Ritter

*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 †

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.
Words of Institution
Reception of the Sacrament
Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 838 *Standing on the Promises*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 616 *Our God Is an Awesome God* Rich Mullins
Our God is an awesome God Who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

POSTLUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. H. Thomas Manning
Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP
Elder # - Paul Luce *(8:45)*; Brenda Greer *(11:00)*
Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney Graham, Sharon Condarco, and Nick Scholl *(8:45)*;
Rodney Graham, Sharon Condarco, Nick Scholl, and Linda Fricke *(11:00)*



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