

Called Congregational Meeting

This is the third 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:	TRUSTEE:
Sue Bohmer _____	Matthew Armstrong _____
Susan Farmer _____	
Taylor Hammer _____	
Elna Singleton _____	
Jan Sloan _____	
Carolyn Yaden _____	
McKenzie Aynes (Youth Elder) _____	

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, October 18
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
4:00 p.m. – Church Picnic including Youth & Faith Builders Fun and Games
6:00 p.m. – Vesper Service

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

Saturday, October 24
8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – LWLTL will meet in Wilbanks Hall
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – All Church Workday

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

Monday, October 26
7:00 p.m. – Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. – E.S.P. Workgroup will meet in the Crossroads Classroom

Tuesday, October 27
7:15 p.m. – Joint Officer Stated Meeting in Genesis Classroom

Wednesday, October 28
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day and Reformation Sunday
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, November 2
7:00 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers

Tuesday, November 3
9:15 a.m. – Presbyterian Women – Morning Circle
7:00 p.m. – Presbyterian Women – Night Circle
7:00 p.m. – Committee on Committees will meet in Enquiry Classroom

Wednesday, November 4
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal





Food Pantry

THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues . . . 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 October thus far is **56 items. Thank You!**

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 18, 2026

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

Cover Picture

This mosaic comes from Sephoris-the very Gentile city just a few miles from Nazareth. Many tiles are brought together to create something beautiful. In the city of Ephesus many different people from different backgrounds came together to form the mosaic of the church. It was a thing of beauty. Yet, they had some serious challenges. This Sunday we will explore their situation.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Improvisation on ‘Llanfair’ Steven Scott

INTROIT 621 I Will Call upon the Lord Michael O’Shields
I will call upon the Lord Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 1:2; Romans 5:5, John 4:24

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

And also, to you.

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us. Those who worship God must worship God in spirit and in truth. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 33 Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Loving God; in Jesus Christ, You called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what You command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All Knowing, Gracious God, challenge our minds where they need to be challenged, encourage our wills where they need encouragement, comfort our hearts where they need comforting in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # Acts 19:1, 11, 20

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. God did extraordinary miracles through Paul.... So, the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 2:2-5a

"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of My name, and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.

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 435 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

SERMON Loving 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 Quebec (Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts Ryoji Shimpō, pianist arr. Don Phillips

*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 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 409 (vs.4) God Is Here! Cyril Vincent Taylor

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give,
receive: we, who cannot live without You,
We adore You! We believe!

POSTLUDE We are Travelers on a Journey arr. Mark Hayes
Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Mary Claire Doughton (8:45); Jan Sloan (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Mike Lee, Robbie Lee, and Sue Bohmer (8:45);
Paul Luce, Amanda Aynes, Adeline Aynes, and Kenzie Aynes (11:00)

There is no set amount for Thanksgiving Baskets, please give as God leads you.

If you would like to donate individually, these are the items we need most:

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Box Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Sweet Potato
- Stuffing Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Pecans
- Cornbread mix
- Gravy Mix
- Canned Pumpkin
- Flour
- Sugar
- Cooking Oils
- Cake/Brownie Mix

Monetary Donations should be made by Sunday, November 8

Thanksgiving Dinner Box Distribution will be Nov 16th to 20th

All donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday from 9 AM-5 PM.

Join Us in Our Mission to

REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211
\$17.00
Wreaths must be paid for by Sunday, December 1, 2026

★ December 19, 2026 ★

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Scan this QR Code to sponsor a wreath and to give back to our L.I.F.E. Youth Group for the next Mission Trip. The L.I.F.E. Youth Group will earn \$5.00 cash back on each wreath that is sponsored.

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