

11:00 am WorshipAugust 2, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #492)“Spirit of the Living God”

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader:

Prelude:

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

³⁶ **Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.**

³⁹ Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

⁴⁰ **How I long for your precepts!
In your righteousness preserve my life.**

*Hymn:“To God Be the Glory”Hymn# 66

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

O Lord, we come before You humbly, acknowledging You are the Creator of heaven and earth. Father, as we strive to follow You, we stumble and fall like small children. We follow our own will and desires, rather than Your perfect and holy path. Please Lord, guide me along the paths of righteousness for Your name sake, and give us the faith to follow wherever You lead. In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:22-24

²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria PatriHymnal # 734

Walks with JesusRev. John McCarthy

First Scripture:Isaiah 5:1-5Pew Bible #666

Prayers of the People (see list below)

Choral Call to Prayer“O How He Loves You and Me”Choir

The Lord's PrayerHymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Hymn:“I Am Thine, O Lord”Hymn #408

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*DoxologyHymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn# 402)“He Came Down”Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading:Romans 9:1-5Pew Bible #1097

Sermon:“God’s Sovereignty”Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* Hymn:“As We Gather at Your Table” (vs 1-2)Hymn #695

Lord’s Supper

* Hymn:“As We Gather at Your Table” (vs 3)Hymn #695

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude:

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

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Prayers continue: Dabney Gilliam

- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

***We welcome our visitors** and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.*

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like a card sent to someone we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send a card the following week.

Ushers – Serving today Mike Freshour at the North Door with Sterling Byrd Roberts at the South Door. Acolyte today: Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week’s Announcements

Diaconate – Today – August 2 at 9:00 am.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, August 16 after worship regarding parcel purchase.

Session – Sunday, August 16 after the congregational meeting.

Good Samaritan - August collection: canned fruit/vegetables.

Operation Christmas Child – August collection: School supplies. November will be here before we know it. We will have a big push to get all the items needed to fill our goal of 60 boxes. Thank you to all who sent in items.

Prayer Meeting – Each Tuesday beginning September 8th. Watch for more information as it gets closer.

Discovering Faith – Sunday Evening Service. Each Sunday, beginning September 13 at 6:30 pm. Contemporary seeker service/study. Think about anyone you know who doesn’t go to church that may be interested in learning more about God and discovering faith. Open to all.

Reminder: Please see the following questions and respond to each

- 1st week ion: “What idea, recommendation, or suggestion would you share that will help us grow God’s presence?”
- 2nd week question: “What one thing do you feel would have the greatest, positive impact on our church?”
- 3rd week question: What type of outreach initiative would you like to see?
- 4th week question: What do you feel would encourage others to attend church more often?
- 5th week question: What type of church bible study would you like to have provided?

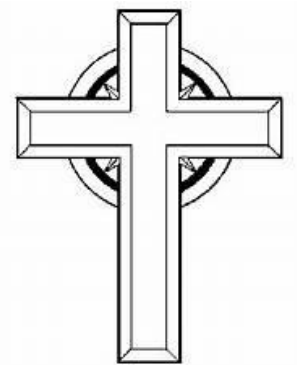
<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, August 2	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Wednesday, August 5	5:30 pm - Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, August 7	Office Closed 12 noon – AA

Church Staff
 Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor
 Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
 Jim Luedtke, Church Musician
 Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

Session
 Rev. John McCarthy – Moderator
 Don Cherry – Clerk of Session

Class of 2026 Bob Hughes Les Powell	Class of 2027 Don Cherry Joni Owens Colter Wickemeyer	Class of 2028 Mike Freshour
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Mission Statement
"Growing God's Presence"
Foundational Principles
Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love
Values
Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning

No nursery will be provided at this time.
 Children's Church (Jesus Squad) meets during Sunday School time
 5 cents-a-meal Offering collected the third Sunday of each month.
 Worship every Sunday at 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:30 am.
 Fellowship at 10:15 am. **Internet: 1stPres: Romans3:24**

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