

11:00 am WorshipAugust 23, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

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

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader:Mike Freshour

Prelude: (Hymn #436)“Grace Alone”

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 119:49-56

⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant,
for you have given me hope.

⁵⁰ **My comfort in my suffering is this:
Your promise preserves my life.**

⁵¹ The arrogant mock me unmercifully,
but I do not turn from your law.

⁵² **I remember, LORD, your ancient laws,
and I find comfort in them.**

⁵³ Indignation grips me because of the wicked,
who have forsaken your law.

⁵⁴ **Your decrees are the theme of my song wherever I lodge.**

⁵⁵ In the night, LORD, I remember your name,
that I may keep your law.

⁵⁶ **This has been my practice: I obey your precepts.**

*Hymn: “I Need Thee Every Hour” (v 1,4) Hymn# 476

*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:Psalm 138Pew Bible #609

Prayers of the People (see list below)

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

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

Hymn: “I Surrender All” (vs 1, 3, 4)Hymn #474

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*DoxologyHymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn# 437) “Jesus Loves Me”Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading:Romans 12:1-8Pew Bible #1100

Sermon: “A Living Sacrifice”Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle’s CreedHymnal – Inside Front Cover

* Hymn: “Trust and Obey”Hymn #443

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude:

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Students in Zambia

Prayers continue: Patricia Burton

- 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 Colter Wickemeyer at the North Door with Kim Wickemeyer at the South Door. Acolyte today: Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week’s Announcements

Jesus Squad – on Sunday, August 30 after worship, there will be a meeting for all interested in helping the children with their Sunday School this 26/27 year. Lunch will be provided. Come all and watch the children grow closer to Jesus. Text Jennifer McCarthy for any questions at 304.710.9098.

Good Samaritan - August collection: canned fruit/vegetables.

Operation Christmas Child – August collection: School supplies. November will be here before we know it. In September and October, 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, 6:30 pm; Group will study “The Prayer Practice” on RightNow Media.

Rally Day – Sunday, September 13th. Start the day with breakfast here at First Pres at 9:45- provided by the Deacons. (No Sunday School)

Big Questions/Honest Conversations – Sunday Evening Service. When: Beginning Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 pm. What to expect: Worship, Study, and Conversations. What part do I play? Invite a friend(s) to come who are seeking purpose and more information about God.

Operation Christmas Child – A wonderful opportunity is coming! A recipient of an OCC shoebox will come to the area to speak in October. Dates: October 15th and 16 Location: A church one day and a school the other. Exact location is still to be determined. Come out and learn more about the impact these shoeboxes have on those who receive them.

<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, August 23	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Wednesday, August 25	5:30 pm - Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, August 28	Office Closed 12 noon – AA

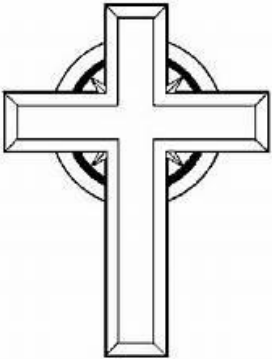
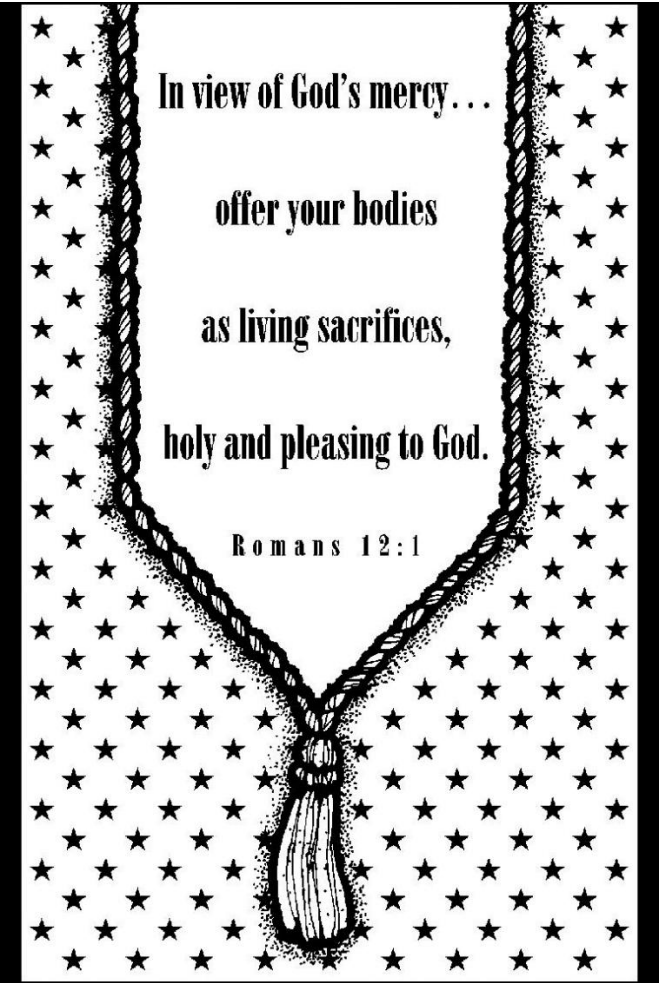
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"Growing God's Presence"
Foundational Principles
Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love
Values
Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning

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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