11:00 am Worship November 15, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #492) "Spirit of the Living God"
Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader: Robert Guthrie
Prelude

*Salutation and Call to Worship:
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Knowing our Heavenly Father meets us in this time of worship.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Trusting our redeemer, Christ Jesus, to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Relying on our sustainer, the Holy Spirit, to build us up for lives of love and service.
Let us worship together this day!

*Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymn# 68

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:
Almighty God and Heavenly Father, even though we have called Jesus our Lord and savior we continue to sin against you. Gracious and merciful Lord, please help us to be who you made us to be, a new creation in Christ. Holy Spirit, produce in us good fruit to help and bless those around us that we may have neglected in our weakness. As we confess and repent of our sins, Lord, come upon us mightily with your Spirit and fill us with your love, wisdom, peace, and grace, filling our cup till it overflows and pours out to all those around us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon: Romans 10:9-10
9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Rev. John McCarthy
First Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Pew Bible #1148

Recognition of Veterans
Prayers of the People (see list below)
Choral Call to Prayer (Hymn #493) "Cares Chorus" Choir
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

Hymn: "Find Us Faithful" Hymn #497
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymn #34
*Prayer
Anthem: (Mark Patterson) "How Can I Give Thanks?" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD
Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 Pew Bible #961
Sermon: "Sustained Vigilance in Action" Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD
* Hymn: "Amazing Grace!" Hymn #422
*Charge and Blessing
* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan
Prayers continue: Jean Long
- 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.*

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 Carol Foster at the North Door Robin Hall* at the South Door.
Acolyte today: Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Don Cherry.

This Week's Announcements

Congregational Meeting – Today after worship to elect Class 2029 Officers and approve the Pastor's Terms of Call.

Session - Today after the Congregational Meeting.

OCC Packing Party – right after worship today.

OCC Collection Volunteers Needed! – Collection dates November 16-23. We have 2-hour time slots each day for the community to bring their packed shoeboxes we need 6-8 people during each time slot. Help is still needed during these time slots:

Monday, November 16th from 5-7pm – (still need 3 more people)
Tuesday, November 17th from 10 am – 12 noon (6 more needed)
Wednesday, November 18th from 3-5 pm (4 more needed)
Thursday, November 19th from 10 am -12 noon (5 more needed)
Friday, November 20th from 5-7 pm (5 more needed)
Saturday, November 21st from 10 am – 2pm (5 more needed)
Sunday, November 22nd from 1-3 pm (5 more needed)
Monday, November 23rd from 12 am – 12 noon (6 more needed)

Tuesday Prayer Meeting – *No Tuesday Prayer Meetings until the New Year,* to allow for more time with friends and family throughout the holidays.

Big Questions/Honest Conversations – Sunday Evening Service.
When: Tonight (every Sunday evening) 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.

Good Samaritan – November collection: Thanksgiving meal items.

Women's Bible Study – Wednesday's at 10:30 am.

Calendar

Sunday, November 15	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship ~12:00 pm – Congregational Meeting ~12:30 pm – Packing Party/Session 6:30 pm – Discovering Faith
Tuesday, November 17	Prayer Meeting breaking til New Year
Wednesday, November 18	10:30 am – Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm – Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, November 92	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	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Bob Hughes	Don Cherry	Mike Freshour
Les Powell	Joni Owens	
	Colter Wickemeyer	

Diaconate
Sterling Roberts – Chair

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Sandi Hughes	Sallie Adams	Carol Foster
Kim Wickemeyer	Melissa Fraser	Robin Hall
Joanna Hughes	Terri Smith	Sterling Byrd-Roberts

Trustees

(2026)	(2027)	(2028)
David McCollum	Rick Harrell	Mike Rand

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees

(2026)	(2027)	(2028)
Terri Smith	Ann Crabtree	Teresa McCollum



The Parable of the Talents

Our Missionaries
Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan

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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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