11:00 am Worship November 22, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

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

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 9:1-2
Lord, I will give thanks to you with all my heart.
I will tell about all the wonderful things you have done.
I will be glad and full of joy because of you.
Most High God, I will sing the praises of your name.

*Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Hymn# 507

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-4, 12, 17
"[1] Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. [2] Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. [3] For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. [4] Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge… [12] Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me… [17] My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise". In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon: John 3:16-17
[16] For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Rev. John McCarthy
First Scripture: Psalms 100 Pew Bible #585

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: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" Hymn #414
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymn #34
*Prayer
Anthem: (Hymn #411) "How Firm a Foundation" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 Pew Bible #1133
Sermon: "Authority, Power, and Dominion" Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD
*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover
* Hymn: "Majesty" Hymn #43
*Charge and Blessing
* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Students in Zambia
Prayers continue: Ted VanBenschoten
- 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.

Flowers - Flowers given by Sallie Adams in recognition of this time of thanksgiving. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Ushers – Serving today Joanna Hughes at the North Door Sterling Byrd-Roberts* at the South Door. Acolyte today: Liam McCarthy. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week's Announcements

OCC Collection Volunteers Needed! – Collection continues this afternoon and tomorrow. We are still in need of volunteers for these remaining two days.
Sunday, November 22nd from 1-3 pm (5 more needed)
Monday, November 23rd from 12 am – 12 noon (6 more needed)

Office hours – The church office will be closed Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Stewardship – We are in the season of Stewardship. Stewardship packets will be mailed out soon. Watch for them in the mail. This is a great time to analyze our efforts of the current year and see if we need to be more diligent in helping promote and support the church. Be in prayer of what and how the Lord is directing you to give more of yourself for His cause.

Poinsettias – First Pres is again providing Virtual Poinsettias to honor and memorialize loved ones. See insert for more information.

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.

Mark your Calendars!
December 13th – Christmas Cantatas
- 1st Pres – during worship
- Community Cantata @ 7pm, hosted by First Baptist Church

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:
- 1st Pres @ 5pm
- Christ Church @ 7pm (all invited)

Calendar

Sunday, November 22	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship 6:30 pm – Discovering Faith
Tuesday, November 24	Prayer Meeting breaking til New Year
Wednesday, November 25	Office Closed 10:30 am – Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm – Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Friday, November 27	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	

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Sterling Roberts – Chair

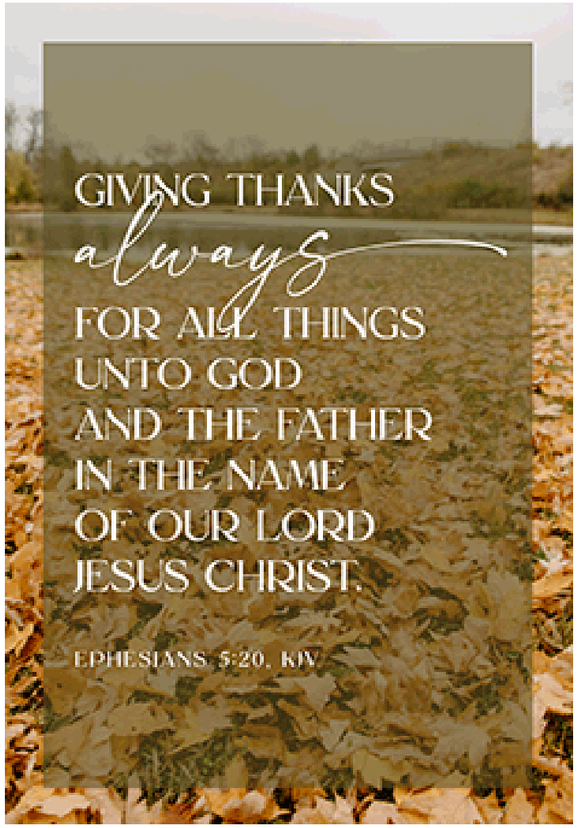
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Sandi Hughes	Sallie Adams	Carol Foster
Kim Wickemeyer	Melissa Fraser	Robin Hall
Joanna Hughes	Terri Smith	Sterling Byrd-Roberts

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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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