11:00 am Worship November 8, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

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

*Salutation and Call to Worship: (Psalm 150:1-2, 6)
1 Praise the LORD
Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise him in his mighty heavens.
2 Praise him for his acts of power;
Praise him for his surpassing greatness.
6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD
Praise the LORD

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn# 59

*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 do what we do not want to do, and in doing so stray from Your path. Please Lord, guide us along the right paths 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: Psalm 100:5
5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.
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 4:13-18 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: "For All the Saints" Hymn #529
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymn #34
*Prayer
Anthem: (Hymn #47) "We Exalt Thee" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13 Pew Bible #961
Sermon: "Are You Prepared?" Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* Hymn: "When We All Get to Heaven" Hymn #525
*Charge and Blessing
* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Paul & Reinhild Sydnor, TeachBeyond, France
Prayers continue: Kit Hooper
- 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 – Given in memory and celebration of Jenny and Buck Wilkins' anniversary, by Paige, Les, and Sue.

Ushers – Serving today Colter Wickemeyer at the North Door with Kim Wickemeyer at the South Door. Acolyte today: Liam McCarthy. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week's Announcements

Congregational Meal – Today after worship. We will gather for a Fall meal, with Pastor John providing chili. The Deacons will provide other side items and desserts. Come enjoy.

Congregational Meeting – Next Sunday, November 15 after worship to elect Class 2029 Officers and approve the Pastor's Terms of Call.

Session – Next meeting will be Sunday, November 15 after the Congregational Meeting.

OCC Packing Party – right after worship on Sunday, November 15.

OCC Collection Volunteers Needed! – Collection dates will be 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. See signup sheet on bulletin board next to church office.

Table – Take a break from your busy schedule and join us for lunch – an opportunity to connect deeply with one another and with God. RSVP required so we know how many meals to prepare. RSVP to Frances Harrell – 434-575-2969. (See insert)

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.

Prayer Meeting – Each Tuesday at 6:30 pm; If there is a more convenient time, please let us know.

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

Calendar

Sunday, November 8	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship 6:30 pm – Discovering Faith
Tuesday, November 10	6:30 pm – Prayer Meeting
Wednesday, November 11	10:30 am – Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm – Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, November 12	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

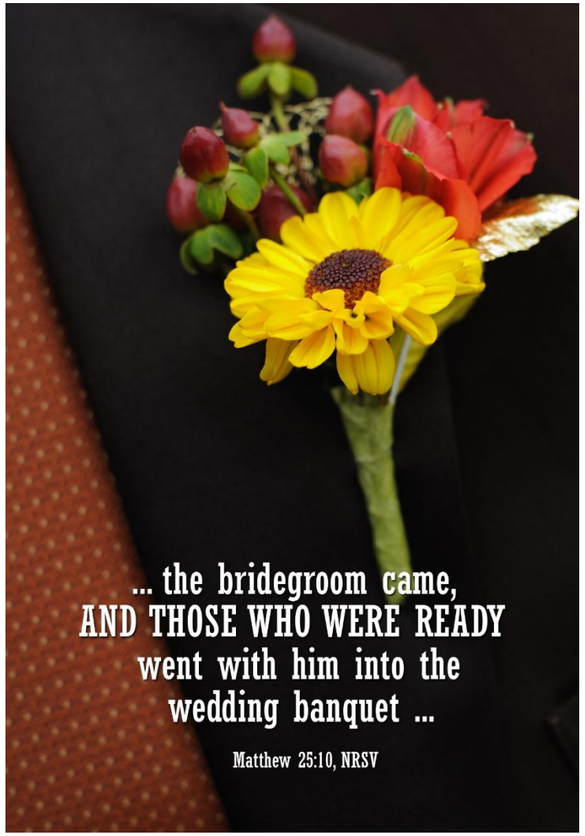
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Sandi Hughes	Sallie Adams	Carol Foster
Kim Wickemeyer	Melissa Fraser	Robin Hall
Joanna Hughes	Terri Smith	Sterling Byrd-Roberts

Trustees

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

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



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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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