

11:00 am Worship

April 28, 2024

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Choral Call to Worship "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple" Choir
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Don Cherry
Prelude:

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-4, 21

¹ I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.

² **Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.**

³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

⁴ **One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.**

²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
**Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

*Hymn: "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" Hymnal #551

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but You are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in You. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for You that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon:

The steadfast love of God never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.
In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Don Cherry
First Scripture: Psalm 23 Pew Bible #539

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: "Christ Be My Leader" Hymnal #453
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymnal #34

*Prayer
Anthem: (Hymn #349) "Seek Ye First" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 6:17-26 Bible #998
Sermon: "A Walk Through Luke, Blessings vs. Woes" John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

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

* Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan
Shut-in/not attending: Ruth Jean Slayton
- 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 to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

Flowers – To the glory of God and in honor of Matthew's thirteenth birthday from his parents, Melissa and Mike, and his sisters, Maddie, Michaella, and Maelyn.

Ushers – serving today Colter Wickemeyer at the North Door and Kim Wickemeyer* at the South Door. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week's Announcements

Evangelism Study – Each Thursday at 1 pm at The Busy Bean. The study is *They Like Jesus But Not the Church* by Dan Kimball. It's not too late to start.

Men's Bible Study – Will not meet this week in order to enjoy National Day of Prayer.

National Day of Prayer – This Thursday, May 2nd. Come out and help support and pray for the community and nation at Halifax High School Auditorium, beginning at 6:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Daniel Ritchie. *"Born without arms, but God has glorified my difference and has given me a thriving life." "It is my joy to encourage others, and provide them with the hope of Christ."*

Cookies for National Day Prayer – The congregation is asked to provide cookies for this event. Cookies can be dropped off in the church office by noon Thursday, May 2 or taken directly to HCHS by 6:00 pm.

Greeting Card Ministry - The next meeting for the Greeting Card Ministry will be Tuesday, May 7 at 10:30 am.

Graduation Celebration – We will honor and celebrate all the hard work and dedication of our High School Graduates on Sunday, June 9 with a fellowship meal afterward. Watch for more details as we get closer.

Women's Bible Study – The next Bible study will begin Wednesday, June 12 at 10:30 am at The Busy Bean. This group will be a special summer study meeting once a month, on the second Wednesday of each month. The topic will be "Science shows us God."

Calendar

Sunday, April 28 9:30 am – Sunday School
 10:15 am - Fellowship
 11:00 am – Worship

Wednesday, May 1 12:00 noon – AA
 6:00 pm - Choir

Thursday, May 2 1:00 pm – Evangelism Study at Busy Bean
 6:30 pm – National Day of Prayer at HCHS
 8:00 pm - AA

Friday, May 3 Office Closed
 12 noon – AA

Church Staff

Pastor John McCarthy – Lay Pastor
 Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
 Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician
 Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer
 Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton

Session

Rev. Glenn Coleman – Moderator
 Don Cherry – Clerk of Session

Class of 2024

Don Cherry
 Joni Owens
 Colter Wickemeyer

Class of 2025

Robert Guthrie
 Mike Rand

Class of 2026

Kim Albert
 Les Powell

Diaconate

Frances Harrell and Sterling Roberts – Co-Chair

Class of 2024

Frances Harrell
 Larry McPeters
 Maelyn Fraser Freshour

Class of 2025

Sterling Byrd-Roberts
 Carol Foster
 Robin Hall

Class of 2026

Sandi Hughes
 Kim Wickemeyer

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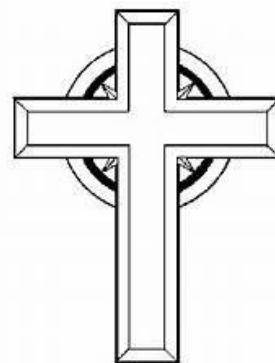
Paige Powell
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 (2026)



“Blessed are you
WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU ...
BECAUSE OF THE
SON OF MAN.
Rejoice in that day ...
BECAUSE
GREAT IS YOUR
REWARD IN
HEAVEN.”
LUKE 6:22-23, NIV



Our Missionaries

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
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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 or Children's Church will be provided at this time.
 5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the third Sunday of each month.
 Worship every Sunday 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:30 am.
 Fellowship at 10:15 am. Internet: 1stPresWifi-guest: 800north

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