

11:00 am Worship

September 21, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387)                    “The Lord is in His Holy Temple”

Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader:                    Mike Rand

Prelude: (arr. James Koerts)                    “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

\*Salutation and Call to Worship:

Turn us, O God,

**away from the world’s temptations and distractions**

Return us, Holy Father,

**to the quiet calm of Your presence**

Restore us, Christ Jesus

**to the path You call us to follow**

Orient our hearts, O Holy Spirit

**to enter into this time of worship so that we glorify, praise,**

**hear, and obey You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen**

\*Hymn:

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Hymn #74

\*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we surrender all to You.**

**You know our fears and doubts. You know our struggles and**

**missteps. Gracious Father, as we humbly fall on our faces**

**before You and confess our sins, please wrap Your children**

**in Your loving arms and remind us of the forgiveness and**

**reconciliation in our Savior Jesus. Please lift us and**

**empower us through the Holy Spirit, so we may walk the**

**paths You put before us. I surrender all. In the name of**

**Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen**

\*Silent Confession of Sin

\*Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 43:1

But now, this is what the LORD says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

**In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*The Gloria Patri

Hymnal # 734

Walks with Jesus

Pastor John McCarthy

First Scripture:                    Psalm 79:1-9

Pew Bible #574

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:

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Hymn# 473

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology

Hymn #34

\*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn #474)                    “I Surrender All”                    Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading:                    Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1                    Pew Bible #742

Sermon:                    “The Cost of Sin”                    Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Apostles’ Creed                    Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

\*Hymn:                    “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”                    Hymn #551

\*Charge and Blessing

\* Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

**Directives for Prayer**

Students in Zambia

Shut-in/not attending: Wayne Adams

- 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.

**Flowers – Given** to the glory of God and in celebration of Mike's birthday from his family, Melissa, Maddie, Michaela, Maelyn, and Matthew.

**Ushers** – serving today Mike Freshour at the North Door and Terri Smith\* at the South Door. Acolyte today is Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Robin Hall.

This Week’s Announcements

**5 Cents a Meal** – Today.

**Session** – Today after worship.

**Sunday School** – Today **Sunday School started at 9:45 am** with Fellowship beginning at 10:30am. This will be the schedule from here on.

**Women’s Bible Study** – Wednesday, September 24 at 10:30 am in the Philathea Room. The study is the book of Romans.

**Upper Room** – September/October Issue of the Upper Room are now available at each entrance. Get your copy early so you won’t miss a day in September.

**Good Samaritan** – September collection: After School snacks.

**Operation Christmas Child** – September collection: We are short \$180 toward shipping costs, for our goal of 50 boxes. We also need socks and underwear for boys and girls of all ages and sizes. A few other items we can use more of: Boys 10-14 WOW items: mini games, mini books, balls -deflated, small coloring books. We also need some more T-shirts for boys ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14. And Sports bras for girls 10-14.

**Communion** – Our next Communion will be Sunday, October 5.

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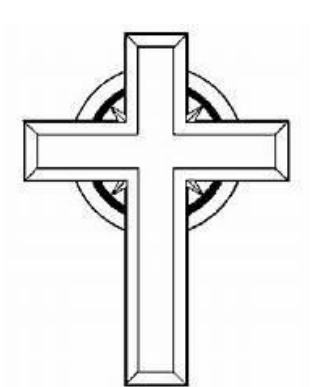


Mission Statement  
**"Growing God's Presence"**  
**Foundational Principles**  
*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~  
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love*  
**Values**  
*Committed~Servant Heart~  
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

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

**Calendar**

Sunday, September 21	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship ~ 12:30 - Session
Wednesday, September 24	10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study 12:00 noon - AA 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm - NA
Thursday, September 25	7:00 pm - AA
Friday, September 26	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

<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>
Robert Guthrie Mike Rand	Kim Albert Les Powell	Don Cherry Joni Owens Colter Wickemeyer

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Sterling Roberts – Chair

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