

11:00 am Worship

October 12, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

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

Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader:Les Powell

Prelude: (arr. Anthony Burger)“The Old Rugged Cross”

*Salutation and Call to Worship: (Ephesians 1:3-8)

“³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

⁴ **For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.**

⁵ In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will

⁶ **to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.**

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸ that he lavished on us.” Let us Praise the Lord!

*Hymn:“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”Hymn #48

*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 PatriHymnal # 734

Walks with JesusLes Powell

First Scripture:Psalm 66:1-12Pew Bible #563

Prayers of the People (see list below)

Choral Call to Prayer“O How He Loves You and Me”Choir

The Lord's PrayerHymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Hymn:“This Is My Father’s World”Hymn# 21

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*DoxologyHymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn #43)“Majesty”Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading:Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14Pew Bible #763

Sermon:“The Lord is Sovereign”Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles’ CreedHymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Hymn:“Seek Ye First”Hymn #349

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers

Shut-in/not attending: Dabney Gilliam

- 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 praise God for all His blessings, and in loving memory of James Wyatt Barczak, by Joanna and Bob Hughes.

Ushers – serving today Paige Powell at the North Door and Sue Wilkins* at the South Door. Acolyte today is Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week’s Announcements

Christ’s Kingdom in Motion – Sunday, October 19 at 4pm. Meeting at 801 Wilborn Ave and marching to Constitution Square. Invite all to come. There are postcards to use as invitations.

Women’s Bible Study – Wednesday, October 15 at 10:30 am in the Philathea Room. The study is the book of Romans.

Good Samaritan – October Collection is: First Pres Emergency Pantry supplies

Operation Christmas Child – We need T-shirts for all sizes boys and girls, sports bras for girls 10-14, small toys (Ty Beanie Babies, Barbie Dolls, etc).

5 Cents-a-Meal Collection – Sunday October 19

Session – Sunday, October 19

Card Ministry at Commonwealth – The next class at Commonwealth will be Tuesday, October 21.

Communion – Next Communion will be observed on Sunday, November 2.

Fellowship Meal – Our next fellowship meal will be after communion on Sunday, November 2. The congregation is asked to bring an entrée or side dish to share. Deacons will provide beverages and desserts.

Congregational Meeting – The next congregational meeting will be held Sunday, November 9 to elect new officers.

<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, October 12	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Wednesday, October 15	10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study 12:00 noon - AA 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm - NA
Thursday, October 16	7:00 pm - AA
Friday, October 17	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

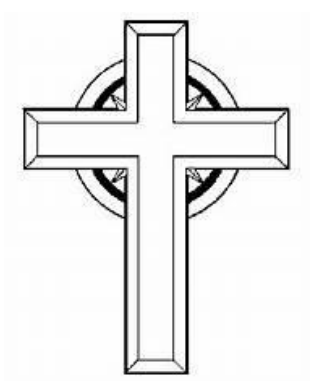
Class of 2025 Robert Guthrie Mike Rand	Class of 2026 Kim Albert Les Powell	Class of 2027 Don Cherry Joni Owens Colter Wickemeyer
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Diaconate
 Sterling Roberts – Chair

Class of 2025 Sterling Byrd-Roberts Carol Foster Robin Hall	Class of 2026 Sandi Hughes Kim Wickemeyer Joanna Hughes	Class of 2027 Sallie Adams Melissa Fraser Terri Smith
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	Trustees	
(2025)	(2026)	(2027)
Eric Roberts	David McCollum	Rick Harrell

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees		
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Melissa Fraser	Terri Smith	Ann Crabtree



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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