11:00 am Worship October 26, 2025

#### WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387) "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader:

Prelude:

\*Salutation and Call to Worship: (Based on Luke 18:14)
All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

# We humble ourselves before our God, ready to hear and receive God's truth

Holy is the Lord, and worthy of all praise, honor, and glory. Let us sing praises to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

\*Hymn: "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him" Hymn #17

\*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, even though we have called Jesus our Lord and Savior we continue to sin against You. Gracious and merciful Lord, please help us to be who You made us to be, a new creation in Christ. Holy Spirit, produce in us good fruit to help and bless those around us that we may have neglected in our weakness. As we confess and repent of our sins, Lord, come upon us mightily with Your Spirit and fill us with Your love, wisdom, peace, and grace, filling our cup till it overflows and pours out to all those around us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

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

\*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Rev. John McCarthy
First Scripture: Psalm 65 Pew Bible #562

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: "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" Hymn# 329
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology Hymn #34

\*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn #35) "Morning Has Broken" Choir

# WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:23-32 Pew Bible #883
Sermon: "Day of the Lord" Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover \*Hymn: "The Summons" Hymn #350

\*Charge and Blessing

\* Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

#### **Directives for Prayer**

Paul & Reinhild Sydnor, IAFR, France

Prayers: Kim Albert

- 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** – In loving memory of my Grandmother, Mrs. Duncan M. Byrd, Sr., from Sterling Byrd-Roberts.

**Ushers** – serving today Colter Wickemeyer at the North Door and Sandi Hughes\* at the South Door. Acolyte today is Liam McCarthy. Audio is Robin Hall.

# This Week's Announcements

**Women's Bible Study** – Wednesday, October 29 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

**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.

#### Save the Date -

- Operation Christmas Child Packing Party Sunday, November 16
- Operation Christmas Child Collection Dates November 17-23.
- Community Thanksgiving Service November 25 at 7pm at First Pres
- Annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 7
- Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24

<sup>\*</sup>Silent Confession of Sin

<sup>\*</sup>Assurance of Pardon: Romans 10:9-10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

# Calendar

Sunday, October 26 9:45 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Worship

Wednesday, October 29 10:30 am – Women's Bible Study

12:00 noon - AA 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm - NA

Thursday, October 30 7:00 pm - AA

Friday, October 31 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

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#### **Diaconate**

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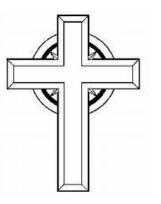
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Mission Statement

# "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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