11:00 am Worship November 2, 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: (Psalm 119:1-2, 7-8)
- ¹Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.
- ² Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart
- ⁷I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.
- ⁸I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

*Hymn: "Wonderful Words of Life" Hymn# 668

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession: (Ps. 139: 1-6, 23-24)
Heavenly Father, "you have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." In the matchless name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

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

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Rev. John McCarthy
First Scripture: Psalm 119:9-16 Pew Bible #598

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: "Because He Lives" Hymn# 447
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn #471) "As the Deer" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Hosea 8:1-6 Pew Bible #876
Sermon: "Church in a Vacuum?" Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs. 1-2) Hymn #699

Lord's Supper

* Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs. 2) Hymn #699

* Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs 3) Hymn #699

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan

Prayers: Ann Cabell Zimmerman

- 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 – As the leaves change, may your faith grow stronger. Blessings upon you in this season of transformation. Happy October!

Ushers – serving today Robert Guthrie at the North Door and Sterling Roberts* at the South Door. Acolyte today is Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

This Week's Announcements

Outdoor Workday – Saturday, November 8 at 9:00 am. Come dressed and ready to work outdoors. Bring gloves, rakes, trimmers, pruners, any other yard tools that would be beneficial. Let's make the grounds a place of beauty and show our gratitude to the Lord.

Fellowship Dish – today after worship. All invited to stay and enjoy great food. Entrées and side dishes provided by the congregation. Beverages and desserts provided by the Deacons.

Election Day – Tuesday, November 4. Don't forget to vote.

Card Ministry – Tuesday, November 4 at 10:30 am.

Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, November 5 at 10:30 am in the Philathea Room. The study is the book of Romans.

Good Samaritan – November Collection is: Thanksgiving meal items

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

Upper Room – The November/December issue is now available at all entrances. Get your copy early so you don't miss a day.

Save the Date -

- Operation Christmas Child Packing Party Sunday, November 16
- Operation Christmas Child Collection Dates November 17-24.
 Watch for a sign-up to help with the collection.
- <u>Community Thanksgiving Service</u> November 25 at 7pm at First Pres. Rev. Mike Russell from Shady Grove and McCanless Memorial UMC will provide the sermon.
- Annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 7
- Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24

^{*}Silent Confession of Sin

^{*}Assurance of Pardon: (1 Cor. 15:2-4)

Calendar

Sunday, November 2 9:45 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Worship 12:00pm - Covered Dish

Tuesday, November 4 Election Day

10:30 am – Card Ministry

Wednesday, November 5 10:30 am – Women's Bible Study

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

Thursday, November 6 7:00 pm - AA

Friday, November 7 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

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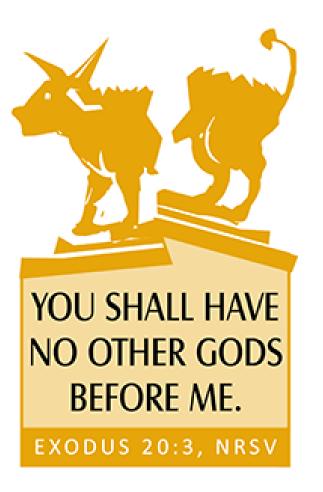
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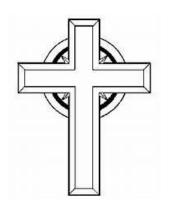
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Mission Statement

"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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