

11:00 am Worship

November 30, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387)

"The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader:

Bob Hughes

Prelude: (arr: Craig Curry)

"What Child Is This? with Silent Night"

Lighting of the Advent Calendar: Representing the Women's Bible Study:

Carol Foster, Joni Owens, and Dargen Cherry

*Salutation and Call to Worship: (based on Matthew 24:36-44)

Keep awake. Be ready. For the Son of Man is coming.

Thanks be to God! We will worship and prepare.

Let us be found as wise and faithful servants when the Lord returns

We will care for those God has entrusted to us, to the glory of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

*Hymn:

"We Light the Advent Candles" (v. 1, 2, 1)

Hymn# 175

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray this world's addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve Your judgement and condemnation. Yet, You remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace amid our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ, and His path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:17

17 If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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

*The Gloria Patri

Hymnal # 734

Walks with Jesus

Rev. John McCarthy

First Scripture:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible #767

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, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymn# 153
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymn #34
*Prayer
Anthem: (Hymn # 159) “The King of Glory Comes” Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD
Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-6 Pew Bible #935
Sermon: “Prepare the Way of the Lord” Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD
*Apostles’ Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover
*Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Hymn #154
*Charge and Blessing
* Postlude
*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers
Prayers/: 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 – Virtual Poinsettia orders are now available. Enjoy the beauty of the Season.

Ushers – We are grateful for those who volunteer to usher each week. Acolyte today is Liam McCarthy. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week’s Announcements

Women’s Bible Study – Wednesday, December 3 at 10:30 am in the Philathea Room.

Good Samaritan – December Collection is: Christmas meal items

Donations Needed – South Boston Health and Rehab (formerly Woodview) needs donations for their residents to help them have a joyous Holiday Season. Items needed: Body wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Large Print word finds, Coloring book, Color pencils, Crayons, Ink pens, and Snack items. Drop off at the facility at 103 Rose Hill Dr. South Boston.

Hanging the Greens – Thursday, December 4 at 5:30 pm. A new tree has been purchased and will be ready for the decorations.

Annual Christmas Cantata – Sunday, December 7 during worship. Mark your calendar and invite friends and neighbors to come celebrate the season with our annual Christmas Cantata. The choir, and Jim Luedtke have worked very hard to make this a blessing for all.

A Joy Gift – We will collect for Joy Gift on Sunday, December 7. These funds go to help Church leadership families in time of need and upcoming students.

Diaconate and Session – meet together after worship on December 14. All new and current officers are invited to attend this time of fellowship.

5 Cents a meal Collection – Next collection - Sunday, December 21.

Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – December 24 at 5pm. Mark your calendar for our Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This is always a special way to bring in the holiday, and remember Christ is the reason for the season! Without Christ there is no Christmas.

Stewardship – Stewardship season is here! Please pray and ask for God’s help to know how best to help support the church for the 2026 year and forward. Please return pledge envelopes by December 15th.

Children’s Shoebox Collection – Thank you to all who helped during the year to provide items for the boxes. Thank you also for all the workers that worked hard to collect the boxes as they arrived from the community. We had a very successful year and collected 2,633 boxes this year. Thank you again!

<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, November 30	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Wednesday, December 3	10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study 12:00 noon - AA 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm - NA
Thursday, December 4	7:00 pm - AA
Friday, December 5	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

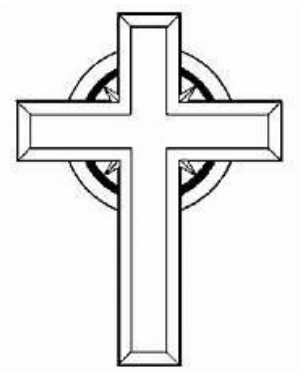
Class of 2025 Robert Guthrie Mike Rand	Class of 2026 Kim Albert Les Powell	Class of 2027 Don Cherry Joni Owens Colter Wickemeyer
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Diaconate
 Sterling Roberts – Chair

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) Eric Roberts	(2026) David McCollum	(2027) Rick Harrell

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees		
(2025) Melissa Fraser	(2026) Terri Smith	(2027) 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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