11:00 am Worship November 9, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387) "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Don Cherry
Prelude: (arr: Bruce Greer) "O Worship the King"

*Salutation and Call to Worship: (Psalm 98)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord;

Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together; Let us join in the joyful song of creation

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn# 59

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession: (Ps. 139: 1-6, 23-24)

Gracious and heavenly Father, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of Your promises, Your faithfulness, and Your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in Your truth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant. The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.

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

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Don Cherry
First Scripture: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 Pew Bible #612

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: "When Peace Like a River" Hymn# 428
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn #424) "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Haggai 2:1-9 Pew Bible #916
Sermon: "The Coming Peace" Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover *Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" Hymn #426

*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 – "The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." ~ Douglas MacArthur

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

This Week's Announcements

Congregational Meeting – Today after worship to elect new officers and approve the Terms of Call for the Pastor.

Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, November 12 at 10:30 am in the Philathea Room. The study is the book of Romans.

Good Samaritan – November Collection is: Thanksgiving meal items

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

Help needed!

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party – Sunday, November 16 Operation Christmas Child Collection Dates – November 17-24. 3-6 people needed each day to help receive incoming boxes. Sign-up sheet available on bulletin board outside office door. Collection times listed below:

 Monday, November 17 	5-7pm
 Tuesday, November 18 	10-12 noon
 Wednesday, November 19 	3-5pm
 Thursday, November 20 	10-12 noon
Friday, November 21	5-7pm
 Saturday, November 22 	12-2pm
Sunday, November 23	1-3pm
Monday, November 24	10-12 noon

Community Thanksgiving Service – November 25 at 7pm at First Pres. Rev. Mike Russell from Shady Grove and McCanless Memorial UMC will provide the sermon. The offerings collected during this service will be donated to the local <u>13th Annual Stuff the Cruiser Project</u>. Come out and support this project as well as receive the spiritual uplift of the season. Checkout our Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BT2ATVr8v/

Save the dates!

- Annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 7
- Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24



^{*}Silent Confession of Sin

^{*}Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 145)

Calendar

Sunday, November 9 9:45 am - Sunday School

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

Wednesday, November 12 10:30 am – Women's Bible Study

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

Thursday, November 13 7:00 pm - AA

Friday, November 14 Office Closed 12 noon – AA

Church Staff

Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager Jim Luedtke, Church Musician Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

Session

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Kim Albert

Les Powell

Class of 2027

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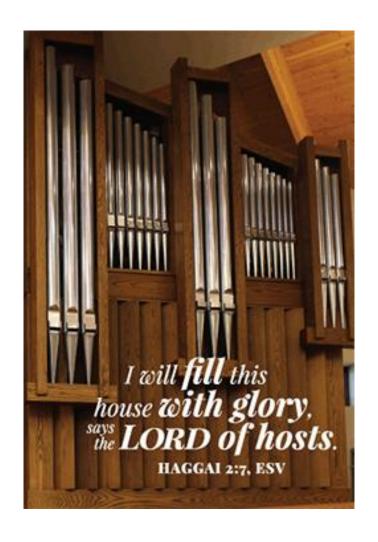
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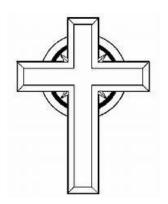
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Our Missionaries

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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