

11:00 am Worship

January 18, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

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

Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Mike Rand

Prelude: (by Jeff Bennett) “He Leadeth Me”

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-3, 9-10

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.

² **I will praise the LORD all my life;**
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.

⁹ **The Lord watches over the foreigner**
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The Lord reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord.

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

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend Your will and Your ways. Pardon us when we lose faith in You. Guide us back to the path You have laid out for us, and give us the faith of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and Rahab. Father, You are the author of salvation, and we will follow where You lead. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon:

God’s grace is given freely. God’s love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven and live liberated from sin to the glory of God.

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

*The Gloria Patri

Walks with Jesus

First Scripture: Psalm 40:1-11

Hymnal # 734

Rev. John McCarthy

Pew Bible #549

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: “How Great Thou Art” Hymn # 51

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn#156) “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42 Pew Bible #1028

Sermon: “What is Your Witness?” 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

Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers

Prayers continue: Kim & Jim 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 –

Ushers – Serving today Colter Wickemeyer at the North Door, Kim Wickemeyer at the South Door. Acolyte today is Liam McCarthy. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week’s Announcements

Session – today after worship.

5 Cents a Meal – Today we collect for the Presbytery program of 5 Cents a Meal. Mark donations accordingly. These funds do go to help local organizations, as well as ministries we support (ie: Persecution Project has received funds from this program).

Office Hours – The church office will be closed tomorrow, January 19 as Sherolyn is out of town.

Women’s Bible Study – Next class this Wednesday, January 21th at 10:30 am

Good Samaritan – January – warm clothing items: coats, gloves, scarves. Also, First Pres Emergency Pantry items

2026 Offering Envelopes - Now available. Get your favorite number early, while they are still available.

2026 Flower Calendar – the new 2026 Flower Calendar is up and available to sign up for your favorite dates.

Upper Room – January/February issue now available.

Mission Opportunity - Main Street Methodist church is planning a NC Rebuild Mission trip. They are planning to help a North Carolina area, likely one that was hit by Helene, in the new year. There will be an information meeting on Sunday, January 25th after worship ~ 12:00 noon in the Food Pantry building of Main Street UMC.

Card Ministry at Commonwealth – Mark your calendars and plan to come out and help the residents have a wonderful time making cards. Monday, January 26th at 3pm.

<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, January 18	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship 12:30 pm -- Session
Monday, January 19	Office Closed
Wednesday, January 21	10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study 12:00 noon - AA 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, January 22	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

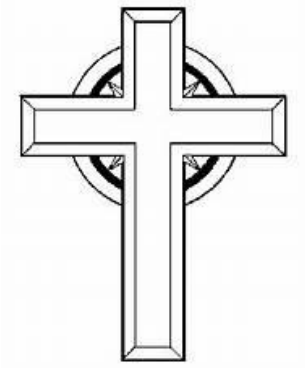
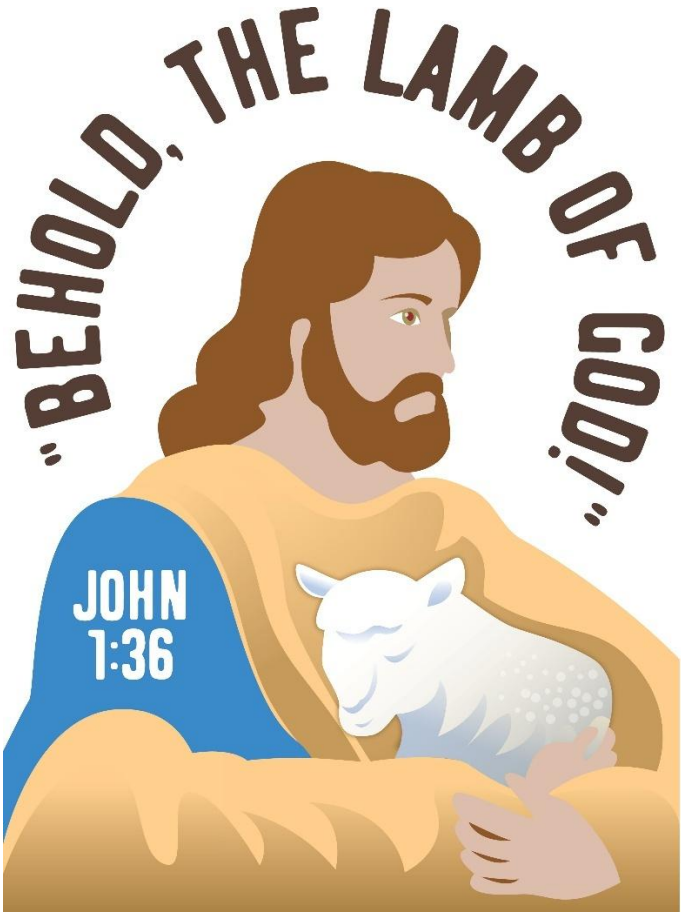
Class of 2025 Robert Guthrie Mike Rand	Class of 2026 Kim Albert Les Powell	Class of 2027 Don Cherry Joni Owens Colter Wickemeyer
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Diaconate
 Sterling Roberts – Chair

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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(2025) Eric Roberts	Trustees (2026) David McCollum	(2027) Rick Harrell
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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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