

11:00 am Worship

April 26, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387) "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Robert Guthrie
Prelude: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us/Lead Me, Lord" Medley

*Salutation and Call to Worship:

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!

Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

Let us feel the presence of the God's grace and love!

O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship;

Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!

*Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymn# 68

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

Gracious Father in heaven, from before the foundation of the world, You called us by name and pledged Your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You Call us to follow, but we try to lead ourselves. Christ laid down His life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us and convict us unto repentance. Lord, we know You are faithful to forgive and restore. Restore to us the joy of salvation, and grow us in spiritual maturity within the Body of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon:

The proof God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

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

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734

Walks with Jesus Rev. John McCarthy

First Scripture: Ezekiel 34:7-15 Pew Bible #837

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: "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" Hymn # 554

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Medley Kay Lewis solo

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: John 10:1-10 Pew Bible #1040

Sermon: "Jesus Calls" Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: "In the Garden" Hymn #300

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Art & Andrea Carter, OMF

Prayers continue: 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 – Given in loving memory of Duncan M. Byrd, Jr. from Josh, Joe, Eric and Sterling

Ushers – Serving today Mike Freshour at the North Door. Terri Smith at the South Door. Acolyte today Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

This Week's Announcements

Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, April 29 at 10:30 am. This will be the last class until Fall.

Diaconate – Next Diaconate meeting – Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 9am.

Communion – Next Communion will be Sunday, May 3rd.

Session – The next Session meeting will be Sunday, May 17th after worship,

Upper Room – May/June issue is now available at all entrances. Get your copy early so you have it on May 1 to start the month off right.

Good Samaritan – April – canned fruit and/or vegetables. May collection will be: canned meats, tuna, chicken, peanut butter, etc.

Operation Christmas Child – April collection – Hygiene items – toothbrush (no toothpaste), washcloths, combs, hairbrushes, nail file/clippers, etc. May collection will be: small toys for both boys and girls.

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 pm at Halifax County High School Auditorium. The speaker will be Randy Johnson, founder of God's Pit Crew. Come join us and the community as we pray together for our nation and leaders. God hears and answers prayers of the faithful.

Baptism - Sunday, May 24 – Jacqueline Powell will be baptized. Save the date plan to come to support her.



Calendar

Sunday, April 26
 9:45 am - Sunday School
 10:30 am - Fellowship
 11:00 am – Worship

Wednesday, April 29
 10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study
 6:00 pm - Choir
 6:00 pm – NA

Friday, May 1
 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 2026

Bob Hughes
 Les Powell

Class of 2027

Don Cherry
 Joni Owens
 Colter Wickemeyer

Class of 2028

Mike Freshour

Diaconate

Sterling Roberts – Chair

Class of 2026

Sandi Hughes
 Kim Wickemeyer
 Joanna Hughes

Class of 2027

Sallie Adams
 Melissa Fraser
 Terri Smith

Class of 2028

Carol Foster
 Robin Hall
 Sterling Byrd-Roberts

Trustees

(2026)
 David McCollum

(2027)
 Rick Harrell

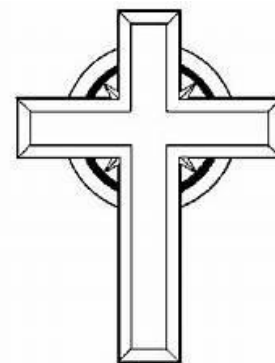
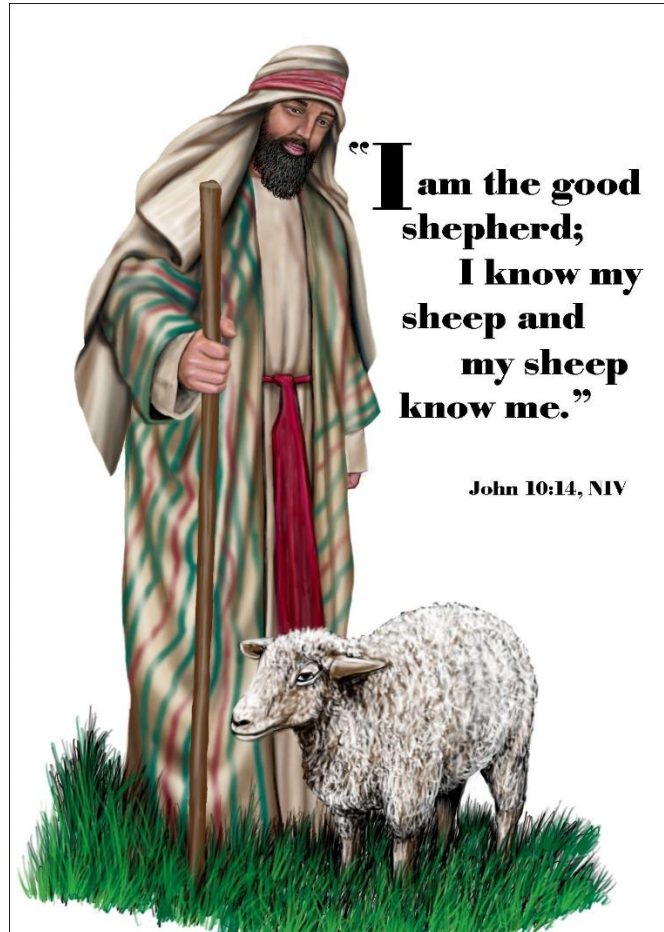
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 Mike Rand

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees

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 Terri Smith

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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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