

11:00 am Worship

May 17, 2026

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: (Hymn #432) "As Water to the Thirsty"

*Salutation and Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 68:7-10, 32)

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, **the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.** Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

*Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" Hymn# 414

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-4, 12, 17

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: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 Pew Bible #1179

Elders Presentation
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: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Hymn #405

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer

Anthem: (Hymn #427) "You Are My All in All" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: John 17:1-11 Pew Bible #1048

Sermon: "Jesus Prays" Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: "I Am Thine, O Lord" Hymn #408

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Paul & Reinhold Sydnor, TeachBeyond, France

Prayers continue: Patricia Burton

- 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.

Ushers – Serving today Joanna Hughes at the North Door. Sandi Hughes at the South Door. Acolyte today: Liam McCarthy. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

This Week's Announcements

Session – Today after worship.

Autopsy of a Deceased Church – The leadership group read and studied this book. It is a great read for all. Pick up your copy today.

Mission trip with Main Street Methodist – If you are interested in helping Main Street Methodist on their mission trip to North Carolina, today is the deadline for turning in an application. What a great way to help others that have been devastated by Mother Nature. There will be an information meeting at Main Street Methodist next Sunday after worship (~12:00 in the Educational Building).

Upper Room – May/June issue is now available at all entrances.

Good Samaritan – May collection: canned meats, tuna, chicken, peanut butter, etc.

Operation Christmas Child – May collection: small toys for both boys and girls.

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

Office Hours – The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Fellowship Meal – Sunday, June 7 after worship. Deacons will provide Beverages and Desserts. Congregation asked to bring an entrée or side dish. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship together.

Mark your calendar –

Stand Firm Youth Revival – Wednesday, June 17 at Constitution Square. Watch for more information.

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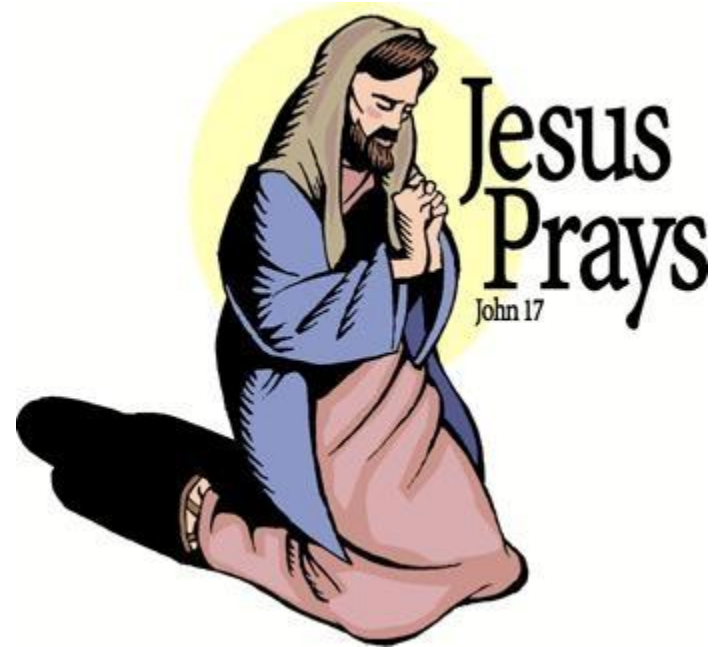


Calendar

Sunday, May 17 9:45 am - Sunday School
 10:30 am - Fellowship
 11:00 am – Worship

Wednesday, May 20 6:00 pm - Choir
 6:00 pm – NA

Friday, May 21 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

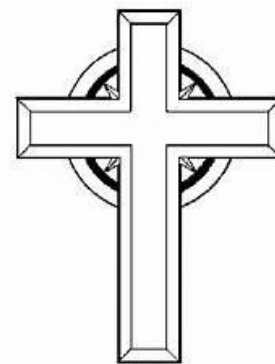
(2028)
 Mike Rand

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

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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