

"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"

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MISSION STATEMENT

"WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON"

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 8:30 A.M.



We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith.

As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!

When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your cell phone. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see God, send Him a text while driving.

<u>VISITORS..</u> Welcome! Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. We would love to meet you!

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER...</u> to contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehab facility, or facility other than your home. One of the Vicars or Stephen Ministers will make a visit.

<u>DID YOU KNOW...</u> Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Hospitals and schools are becoming 'scent-free' due to this increasing health hazard. Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church. Thank You.

<u>LITTLE FOLKS...</u> Parents... please remember that there are 'busy bags' hanging on the coat tree in the Narthex to occupy the little ones during worship. Simply return the bags to the tree on your way out of church. Thank you.

<u>BE COMFORTABLE.</u> There are shawls in the Narthex that you can use if chilled during worship. Just ask one of the ushers and they will get you one. Simply return the shawl to the narthex on your way out of the church.

Hearing Devices: The older hearing devices have been moved to the Narthex. They are located next to the far right entrance door to the sanctuary.

We now offer the T-Coil hearing device with the new sound system. Individuals will need to contact their provider to find out if their hearing aid is telecoil-equipped. If so, they need to ask how to turn on the T-Coil or if it is automatically linked once the loop is around their neck.

<u>FLOWERS</u> for the altar today are given by Dave & Lynda Steinman in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary AND Rick & Barbara Sherwood in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

<u>PRAYERS:</u> Lori Rapp, Earl Marlatt, Marilyn Davis, Marge Jones, Jerry Taylor, Sonja Estes, Bernice Gray (sister of Sandy Everly), Ed Russell, Tony Cegon (brother of Michelle Cegon & stepson of David Donaldson), Larry & Loretta Munsterman, Danya (daughter of Niki Duffy's friend), Karen Huggins (friend of Gary Raasch), Steve Rodeffer (friend of Gary Raasch), Cassie Radke (granddaughter of Dyanne Radke), Mary Marsh, Bill Haney, Jacky Patte Donna (sister of Lisa Crayne), Mason Fletcher (Grandson of Lisa Crayne), Forrest Marsh, Carolyn Smith, Rita (sister of Marlene Miller)

PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the Traditional version of the Lord's Prayer & the Nicene Creed for the month of September. God blesses our prayers.

Is Your Phone Turned Off?

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- V God Is Good!
- C All the time
- V All the time
- C God Is Good!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- V Blessed be the Holy Trinity,

 → one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.
- C Amen.
- V We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

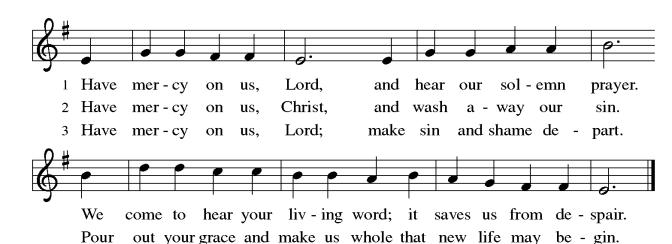
- C Holy God, you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.
- P Hear the good news Christians. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing, even the worst we do or fail to do, can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our savior and friend.
- C Amen.



GREETING

- V The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

KYRIE



Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate

us new hearts!

in

SONG OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY together we pray:

God of promise. You call us into your holy presence and entrust us with the work of caring for your beloved children – all of humanity and all of creation. Guide us, equip us, and inspire us to follow in your way, through Jesus Christ.

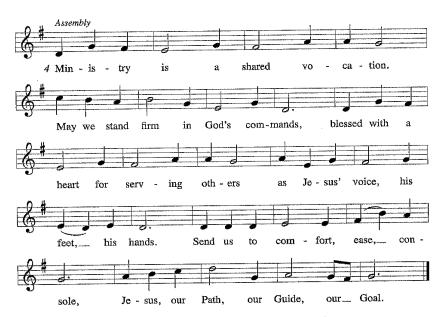
PASSING OF THE PEACE

- V May the peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C And also with you
- V Please generously share God's peace all around!

WORSHIP CAROL

CHOIR/CONGREGATION (VS. 4)

Our Mission is to Follow Jesus "



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LESSON Exodus 2:23-25; 3:10-15; 4:10-17

²³ After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cry for help rose up to God from their slavery. ²⁴ God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵ God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am." ^[a] He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, ^[b] the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

¹⁰ But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹ Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." ¹³ But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." ¹⁴ Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, "What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put the words in his

mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶ He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. ¹⁷ Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 8:58

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am."

V The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to the Lord

TEACHING: "Believe....." Pastor Jack Williams



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER INVOCATION

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

V Confident that our God hears and answers our cries, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

- V God of promise,
- C Hear our prayer.
- V God, we are not always willing when you call. We make excuses, downplay our gifts, deflect and dodge the responsibility you ask of us. Equip and inspire us that we might move past our doubts and go boldly forth for the sake of your gospel. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered. **Together we pray**

- C Bless Your Church. Bless your Vicars in our church. Purify, preserve & provide through your Holy Spirit. We pray for each of our mission congregations, local partners, and care ministries. We also pray for the congregation's vision and call process. May we continue to work toward our mission and uphold our values while we support the call committee in moving toward a pastoral transition.

 We also pray for that pastor whom God calls to Gloria de Cristo to work with us to move this congregation forward in mission. Enlarge our hearts toward people far from God while we "Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person."
- V The burning bush was not consumed, O God, yet wildfires often rage, bringing death and destruction. Teach us to manage the forests you created with love and attention, that they might be preserved for the good of all. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

V Call into leadership those who will put into action your work of justice and equity for all people. Engage each of us in supporting our leaders as they serve us. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

V You are who you are forever, and one word from you can bring about the healing of all. Visit us with your transformative spirit, and surround with your presence those whom we lift up before you. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

V We are as much enslaved now as we have ever been. Not by shackles, but by our shortsighted greed and callous disregard for the vulnerable and powerless. Bring us to reconciliation with each other and with all your creation. God of promise,

C Hear our prayer.

V We stand in a long line of servants who followed you without knowing exactly where you would lead them, but trusted nonetheless. Make us worthy to share their company, and bring us all at length to your eternal kingdom. God of promise,

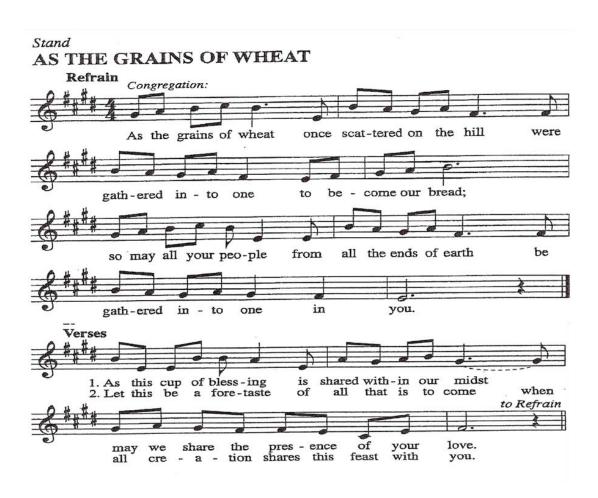
C Hear our prayer.

V We lift all these prayers, and those of our hearts, to your loving care, O God. Receive them and restore our hope in your promises. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

THE OFFERING (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in- person giving as well as online giving.)

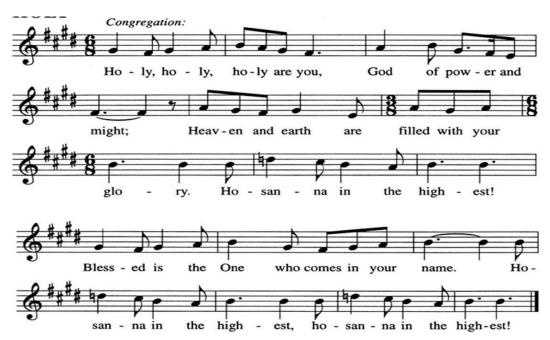
OFFERING RESPONSE



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- V The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- V Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- V Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS



- V Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
 - We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
 - Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

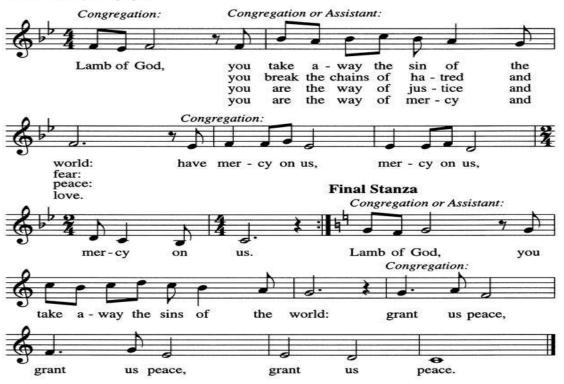
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Communion is open to all baptized believers who know Jesus as Savior and seek to live with him as Lord of all areas of life. You receive the wafer in your hand and choose from the individual cup of wine or white grape juice. Those who are not communing as well as children may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of your chest to receive a blessing. Everyone should complete a slip found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Consider the options on reverse side as to how you may serve this congregation.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Now We Join in Celebration"

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- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

COMMUNION BLESSING:

- V The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you safe in His Grace until everlasting life.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (together we pray)

C God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



- V Almighty God has created you and has a purpose for your life every day! Lord, Help us remember, IF YOU ARE NOT DEAD...
- C YOU ARE NOT DONE!
- V Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity,

 → one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- V Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- C Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SATURDAY WORSHIP: Next weekend we will begin our Saturday worship @ 4:00 pm

BREAKFAST: Saturday, October 4, 8 am, is both the Men's Breakfast and the Women's Breakfast. Men meet at Daybreakers, the Women meet at Izzy's on Foothills Blvd. All are welcome!!

<u>CRAFT WORSHOP:</u> is now meeting every Thursday, 9 am in Fellowship Hall. The craft group is looking for pinecones. If you have any or know of friends up north that haven't come down yet, please check with them if they have any to bring and donate. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know by phone or text. (816-628-5741). *Nancy Griffiths*

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP: will meet on Thursday, October 2nd, 9 am in the Sanctuary. Bring your Bible and invite a friend!!

DAYS FOR GIRLS: will meet on Saturday 9 am til noon in Fellowship Hall.

REMINDERS:

Service

<u>Monthly Breakfast Brunch</u> 1st Sunday of each month following worship in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite <u>breakfast dish</u> to share and come for fellowship.

<u>Food Pantry:</u> 1st Sunday of each month we collect food for the local Food Pantry. When doing your shopping consider picking up a couple of items to items to donate.

<u>Men's Breakfast</u> the 1st Saturday of each month, 8 am at **Daybreakers**. All gentlemen of the congregation are invited to come.

<u>Ladies Breakfast</u> the 1st Saturday of each month, 8 am at Izzy's on Foothills Blvd.

<u>Days for Girls:</u> will meet on September 27th @ 9 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for fellowship and fun

GriefShare: Every Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Classroom.

Reading and Learning

<u>Bible Study:</u> to be continued in the Fall

Prayer Fellowship: will meet on Thursday, October 2nd @ 9 am

in the Sanctuary

Fun and Fellowship

<u>Chair Aerobics</u>: Classes are held every Wednesday at 1 pm & Fridays at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$5/session is appreciated to offset the cost of the instructor. Everyone is welcome.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Comm.	Readers	AV
9/28	Nancy	Dave/Lynda Steinman	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Linda Strand	Char/Dave
10/4	Char	Dave/Marge Graham	Bob/Judy Zeiss	Jan Klipfel	
10/5	Jan	Lisa Crayne/M. Marsh	Ted/Niki Duffy	S. Arceneaux	Michelle/Tom
10/11	Joane	Marge Jones/Dinga	Roger/Jen Krough	Jen Krough	
10/12	Niki	L. Layton/S.Arceneaux	C, Wade/T. Martin	Nancy Griffiths	Niki/Ted

REMINDER: Church Council, Call Committee, Vision Team

> We meet again October 12th 8:30am-2:30 pm Fellowship Hall

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday 9/29	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Monday 9/29	1:00 pm	Alanon	Nursery
Tuesday 9/30	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 9/30	10:30 am	Coffee Club	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 10/1	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 10/1	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 10/1	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs. 10/2	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom
Thurs. 10/2	9:00 am	Prayer Fellowship	Sanctuary
Thurs. 10/2	9:00 am	Craft Workshop	Fellowship Hall
Friday 10/3	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 10/3	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Friday 10/3	5:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 10/4	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 10/4	4:00 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 10/5	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 10/5	12:15 am	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom

Attendance for September 21, 2025 92 @ 8:30 am, Facebook = 200 , YouTube = 15

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