



For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but
Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

July 27, 2025

SUNDAY TIMES

7:45am	Prayer
8:15am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: The Minor Prophets

Room 167: Romans

Room 168: Judges

Parlor/Rm 115: College & Career

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

(resumes in September)

5:00pm	Soli Deo Gloria
5:30pm	Meal
6:00pm	NextGen & Youth
6:15pm	Adult Choir
6:30pm	Adult Groups

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship is the heart and soul of the church; we are made for exalting Christ. We are intentional to invite everyone each Lord's Day to encounter the living Christ in a joyful, reverent, and accessible way, receiving all the blessings of his Gospel to the praise and glory of God.

OUR IDENTITY

Vision: A community of transforming grace

Mission: Inviting everyone to love and follow Jesus

CORE VALUES

Worship: Reverent and Relevant

Community: Close-knit and Outward-facing

Discipleship: Robust and Transformational

Service: Compassionate and Bold

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

LITURGY NOTES

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column throughout the worship guide answers the "what" and "why" of the elements of our liturgy.

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, and **the part of the People will be in bold.**

This song allows us to get situated in the room and prepare our hearts for worship.

Song of Assembly:

Praise The Lord (Psalm 150)¹

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea,
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness All creation,
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice,
You heights and all your depths,
From furthest east to west,
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord*

You reached into the dust, In love, Your Spirit breathed,
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works, To tell Your mighty deeds,
To join the everlasting chorus

Let symphonies resound, Let drums and choirs ring out,
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring, Its honors to the King,
A roar of harmonies eternal

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness, All creation,
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice
Your heights and all your depths,
From furthest east to west, You distant burning stars,
All creatures near and far,
From sky to sea to shore, Sing out forevermore,
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord*

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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from Psalm 93

At God's command and invitation, we
enter his presence and respond with
WORSHIP.

Call to Worship

PASTOR: The Lord reigns!

PEOPLE: **He is robed in majesty!**

PASTOR: Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier
than the waves of the sea.

PEOPLE: **The Lord on high is mighty!**

PASTOR: Your decrees are very trustworthy.

ALL: **Holiness befits your house, O Lord,
forevermore.**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Worship involves the whole person:
body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing
hymns and songs grounded in biblical
truth engages all our faculties in worship
together.

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come.

And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,

Bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,

Here's my heart, O take and seal it;

Seal it for Thy courts above.

Reading of the Word

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that we still enjoy the applause from the very people who consider Christ's cross foolishness and weakness. We find it difficult to trust your wisdom and power when it appears low and despised in the world. Because we take pleasure in boasting, we struggle to find comfort from your presence where no human pride will survive. Teach us to look to Jesus who is our only true wisdom, righteousness, holiness, and redemption

...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

1 Corinthians 1:20-31

Power and Wisdom from Weakness and Foolishness

When we confess our sins, we agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. We confess general sins together, followed by a silent moment for personal confession.

COLOSSIANS 1:21-22

All who confess their sins and trust in God's mercy through Jesus Christ believe their sins are pardoned. We remember this truth with a weekly Scripture assuring us of God's willing forgiveness.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship.
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe.
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed.
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name.
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

*And the angels cry, Holy All creations cries, Holy!
You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!
Hear Your people sing, Holy! To the King of kings, Holy!
You will always be Holy! Holy forever!*

*Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest.
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions. All powers and positions.
Your name stands above them all*

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood,
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat

Holy, Holy, Holy, Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was, and is, and is to come

With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings!

You are my everything, And I will adore You...

Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and
Glory and power be
To You the Only Wise King,

Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your Name
Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water
Such a marvelous mystery

Elders, responsible before God to care for and lead the church, serve by giving thanks for our blessings and praying for our needs.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jay Suggs

(Immediately following this prayer, during the 10:45 service only, 4-6 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach Me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)

All we have belongs to God. One act of worship is to acknowledge his generosity through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

His Tithes & Offerings

God promises to communicate with us through the preaching of his Word. Our trust is not in the preacher's ability, but in the Holy Spirit using the scriptures to engage our minds and hearts.

Sermon

Furious Opposites

Psalm 8:1-9 (Page 450)

Pastor Scott Phillips

We Respond: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Elders will bring the bread and cup in trays to each row. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; simply pass the regular bread to the next person and raise your hand to signal the pastor. He will bring you the gluten free bread. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

The Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of Christian belief. As early as the second century it served as a baptismal confession. It developed and reached its current form by the ninth century. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. The word "catholic" means universal.

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic meal to communicate his presence and fellowship with believers. It is the family meal of Christians.

To those not taking the Supper

We're glad you're here and welcome you back any time. Take this moment to reflect on the claims made in this service and consider praying to ask God if he will persuade you of how you can know him.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen
One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,
My sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in any thing, no gifts,
No pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Just as God welcomed us into his presence at the beginning, now he blesses his children as we depart. We receive this blessing in faith as we trust God to do all he says he will do.

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt
Jeff Keith	Jason Seale
Mike McMahan	Jay Suggs
Brian Rodgers	Blake Temple
Connor Ross	Andy Thompson

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John Elder	Kris Olin
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Braden Ladner	Sam Thompson
Wade Littrell	David Whitcomb
Scott Missildine	David Zajic
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CHURCH STAFF

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Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator

If this is your first time joining us, we'd love to get to know you better. If you're willing, please scan the QR code and share a little about yourself. This helps us follow up, answer any questions you might have, and find ways we can serve or pray for you.



CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

Ezra Song Night

On their final Sunday of the summer, our Ezra interns will showcase their new songs from the summer and play some Ezra favorites! Come out at 6:00pm TONIGHT, July 27th to see them off and hear some great music!

J.O.Y. Lunch

Come join us August 3rd in the Cafe area immediately following the 10:45 service. If you're able, bring a dish/meat/side dish/vegetable/dessert or whatever to share with others. Pamela Bolding will give an update on *The Neighborhood Christian Center* and our partnership with them. J.O.Y. is the quarterly fellowship of our beautifully-mature adults who seek refreshment and relationships, and to spur one another on in service to the church and the community. For questions, please contact Liz Olin (lizolin57@gmail.com, 256.221.4270)

Leadership Training

If you're currently leading (or hope to lead) in NextGen, Youth, or Adult teaching, join us for a Leadership Training on Saturday, August 16, from 9:00-Noon. We'll cover ministry basics and break into groups for practical training.

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