



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

October 5, 2025

SUNDAY TIMES

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Hebrews

Room 167: Ecclesiastes

Room 168: The Heart of Worship

Parlor/Rm 115: College & Career

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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:

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) ¹

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Welcome & Announcements

Jesse Pawley, Church Administrator

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Psalm 124:6-8

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

PEOPLE: **We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!**

ALL: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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.

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

Reading of the Word

When Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a book to the very end, Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, “Take this Book of the Law and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against you. For I know how rebellious and stubborn you are. Behold, even today while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the Lord. How much more after my death! Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them. For I know that after my death you will surely act corruptly and turn aside from the way that I have commanded you. And in the days to come evil will befall you, because you will do what is evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger through the work of your hands.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Oh Lord our God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have forsaken your requirements for us and followed our own hearts and desires. Apart from you, there is no health in us, and we confess this morning that we have fallen short of your just law

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Deuteronomy

31:24-29

Our Need for Reconciliation

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.

1 JOHN 1:9

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

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing:
All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing:
I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

His Mercy Is More

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

I Am Not Alone

When I walk through deep waters,
I know that You will be with me
When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome
Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear

*I am not alone, I am not alone,
You will go before me
You will never leave me (2x)*

You amaze me, Redeem me, You call me as Your own
You're my strength, You're my defender
You're my refuge in the storm, through these trials
You've always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul

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 Allen Schmidt

(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

A Perfect Reconciliation

Colossians 1:21-23 (Page 983)

Tucker Fleming

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.)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

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 Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

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

DIACONATE

John Elder	Kris Olin
James Fudge	William Sasser
Braden Ladner	Sam Thompson
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CHURCH STAFF

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Men's & Women's Bible Studies



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

J.O.Y. Luncheon

The mature and empty-nesters will fellowship today following the 10:45 service in the Cafe area. If you haven't prepared a dish, please come anyway... there's always plenty! Mary Chism will be speaking about the local Choose-A-Life/Sav-A-Life ministry.

Iron Man Retreat

Join us Oct 17-18 at Mallard Stables for our first Iron Man Retreat. We'll enjoy great food, fellowship, and activities, along with teaching from Dr. Ken Wilgus on biblical manhood and how it shapes our most important relationships. Register online.

Lyons Bridal Shower

Join us in celebrating Jack Lyons and Allie Cagle with a Bridal Shower on Oct 12th @ 3709 Woodtrail SW from 2 PM - 4 PM!

WIC Fellowship

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 6:00 PM at Betsy Stark's home (3773 South Woodtrail Rd SW) for an evening of fellowship with the women of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.

Fall Festival – Oct 29 | 5:30 PM

Join us for our annual Fall Festival on Oct. 29 at 5:30 PM! Food, Inflatables, Live Music, Bonfire, Hayrides, Games, and more! Bring a friend!

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