



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

*2 Corinthians 4:5*

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October 12, 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:

### Evidence <sup>1</sup>

All throughout my history  
Your faithfulness has walked beside me  
The winter storms made way for spring  
In every season, from where I'm standing

*I see the evidence of Your goodness  
All over my life, All over my life  
I see Your promises in fulfillment  
All over my life, All over my life*

Help me remember when I'm weak  
Fear may come but fear will leave  
You lead my heart to victory  
You are my strength and You always will be

*See the cross, the empty grave  
The evidence is endless  
All my sin rolled away  
Because of You, oh Jesus*

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## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

## *Psalm 105:1-4*

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

## Call to Worship

PASTOR: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**PEOPLE: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

PASTOR: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**PEOPLE: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

## Hymn of Praise

### My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

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

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

## *Isaiah 64:1-5*

God Who Acts for Those Who Wait for Him

## Confession of Sin

**We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.... But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.**

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

## *Isaiah 64:6, 8-9*

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.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

## *ISAIAH 44:22*

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**

## **Living Hope**

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness, Your lovingkindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of Kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
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Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
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Jesus, Yours is the victory, woah-oh-oh

# Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;*

*O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess*

*Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

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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 Andy Thompson

**...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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*(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

The Impossible Ministry  
Colossians 1:24-29 (Page 983)  
Pastor Scott Phillips

## The Lord Adds to His Church

(8:15 service)  
Lynnette Nix  
John Posey  
Ruling Elder Prayer, Blake Temple

# 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.)*

## There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood,  
drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains.  
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The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.  
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O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,  
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.  
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

Ever since, by faith, I saw the stream  
thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die.  
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and shall be till I die.  
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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.

## *1 Thessalonians*

### *5:23-24*

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**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

# ***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
Wade Littrell	David Whitcomb
Scott Missildine	David Zajic
Bill Nelson	

## ***CHURCH STAFF***

Scott Phillips	Senior Pastor
Rick Stark	Associate Pastor
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Stu Schieler	Worship Director
Jesse Pawley	Administrative Director
Tonya Roth	Office Administrator
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Allison Seale	Nursery Coordinator
Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator

### 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***

### **Iron Man Retreat – Oct 17-18**

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

### **Lyons Bridal Shower – Oct 12 | 2:00 PM**

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

### **WIC Fellowship – Oct 21 | 6:00 PM**

Join us on Tuesday, October 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.

### **Missions Cookie Fundraiser – Oct 22**

Cookies and desserts will be available for just 50¢ each this Wednesday night (10/22)! All proceeds go toward supporting our two sponsored children in the Dominican Republic. Bring your change, grab a treat, and make a difference!

### **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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