



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

May 3, 2026

SUNDAY TIMES

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Parables of Jesus
Room 167: Ecclesiastes
Room 168: Romans
Parlor: Presbyterian 101

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:

Confidence ¹

Jesus great high priest at the right hand of the Father
Interceding, praying now for us, Jesus great high priest
Your full sacrifice is finished,
Once for all our precious Lamb of God

*We have confidence to enter in the holy place
We have confidence to enter by the new and living way
We have confidence to enter in the holy place
By the new and living way*

Jesus great high priest in the presence of your people
Leading us in love to heaven's throne Jesus, great high priest
Now the veil that was between us
by your body torn forever on the cross

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Worthy, worthy, worthy
Glory, glory, glory, To our great high priest*

Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

Report of the Living Church

Tucker Fleming, Recognition of Graduating Seniors

Hebrews 10:19-23

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: Therefore, brothers [and sisters], since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

PEOPLE: let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

ALL: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

I sing the almighty power of God

That made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad

And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;

He formed the creatures with His Word,

And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,

If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below

But makes Your glories known;

And clouds arise and tempests blow

By order from Your throne;

While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,

And everywhere that man can be, You, God, are present there.

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

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious Heavenly Father, We have heard your Law and are grieved by our transgressions. We have not loved or served you as we should; instead we have often ignored your covenant with us. We have not honored and revered your name, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. According to your abundant mercy, forgive our sins and restore to us the joy of your salvation

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

Exodus 20:1-17

All that God Commands

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.

Hebrews 10:14-17

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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Indescribable

From the highest of heights, to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring;
Every creature unique in the song that it sings;
All exclaiming:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable!
You placed the stars in the sky
And you know them by name.
You are amazing God!
All powerful, untamable;
awestruck we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim.
You are amazing God!*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?
Or seen Heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light?
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom:

*Incomparable, unchangeable;
You know the depths of my heart
and you love me the same.
You are amazing God!*

Always

I believe You gave sight to the blind,
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs,
And You're still the same

*I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace,
The God of creation he knows me by name
The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always. Always.
Your mercy is mighty, age after age,
And all generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always. Always.*

I believe You will come in the clouds,
I believe You are here even now
In Your presence, I know there is power, Power to save, oh
You were, You are, You always will be God,
You were (You were). You are (You are)
You always will be God. Yes, You always will be God

Abide

For my waking breath , for my daily bread,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*You're the way, the truth, and the life.
You're the well that never runs dry.
I'm the branch and You are the vine,
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the victories still in front of me,
I depend on You, I depend on You,
Yes, I depend on You.

*Be my strength, my song in the night.
Be my all, my treasure my prize.
I am Yours, forever You're mine.
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

When I pass through death as I enter rest,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For eternal life to be raised with Christ,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

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 Greg Smith

(Immediately following this prayer, 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 Holy Nation

Exodus 19:1-9 (Page 60)

Pastor Scott Phillips

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.)

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.

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 Peter 2:9-10

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

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

John Elder	Jason Seale
George Godwin	Greg Smith
Jeff Keith	Stuart Smith
Mike McMahan	Jay Suggs
Connor Ross	Blake Temple
Allen Schmidt	Andy Thompson

DIACONATE

James Fudge	Steve Sasser
Braden Ladner	William Sasser
Wade Littrell	Sam Thompson
Scott Missildine	David Whitcomb
Bill Nelson	David Zajic
Kris Olin	

CHURCH STAFF

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Tonya Roth	Office Administrator
Jessica Keith	NextGen Coordinator
Allison Seale	Nursery Coordinator
Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator



VBS Child
Registration



VBS Volunteer
Registration

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

Senior Sunday

We'll hold a reception today honoring our 2026 high school graduates in the Café. Gift tables for our 6 high school graduates will be set up there. Our 2026 graduates are Ella Bailey, Evan Craddock, Ben Elder, Anna Kate McMahan, Sela Mote, and Annalee Seale.

NextGen Splash Bash

Join us for our end-of-year NextGen Splash Bash this Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30 PM! We'll kick things off with Chick-fil-A, then head outside for water games and fun. Kids, come dressed in your bathing suits (under your clothes) and don't forget a towel.

WIC/VBS Craft Night

Join us Wednesday, May 13 from 6:30–8:00 PM as we gather to create decorations for VBS.

Ezra Baskets

Our 10 Ezra interns arrive May 18! Drop off snacks, gift cards, or treats in the Gathering Area by May 17 to help welcome them. Pick up a "Meet the Team" booklet to pray for them. You can also sign up online to host 2 or more interns for lunch after church this summer!

VBS Registration is Open!

VBS is June 15-19. You can register both students and volunteers with the QR codes in the bottom left corner of this page. Make sure to visit our registration table in the café today.

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