



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

September 6, 2026

SUNDAY TIMES

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Room 158: Proverbs
- Room 167: Ecclesiastes
- Room 168: Romans

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:00pm	Soli Deo Gloria Choir
5:30pm	Meal
6:00pm	NextGen Choir
6:30pm	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:

No King But Christ ¹

No King but Christ under heaven above
Loves with such free and boundless love
There is no other king I know
Who saves the ones who cursed his throne

No king but Christ would be willing to give
His own perfect life that we may live
Emptying our accounts of sin
And adding righteousness to them

*No there is no King but Christ the Lord,
Who paid what we could not afford
There's no power on earth above his word
No there is no King but Christ the Lord*

No King but Christ ever died for our sake
Then rose up with power o're the grave
And someday soon will come again
To take his children back with him

There's no power on earth above his word,
No there is no King but Christ the Lord

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Scott Phillips, Senior Pastor

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Psalm 33:20-22

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

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

Call to Worship

PASTOR: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

**PEOPLE: For our heart is glad in him, because we trust
in his holy name.**

PASTOR: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we
hope in you.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing.
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure; for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

Reading of the Word

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

O Father, who's reconciling grace & power is poured out upon us in Christ – the One who agonized on our behalf, and not merely for our surviving but our thriving – yet we must confess our spiritual poverty: fear, anxiety, even withdrawing and withholding from You and from one another. We are often given over to our fears and sins rather than to Your all-sufficient supply. Have mercy on us again. Forgive us and free us to believe and to do all Your holy will

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Mark 14:32-42

A Prayer of Agonizing Trust

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 10:12-14

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

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

You hear me when I call,
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night,
it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear

You crush the enemy, underneath my feet
You are my Sword and Shield, though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

*I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind,
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine,
The God of angel armies is always by my side*

My strength is in Your Name for You alone can save,
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear, Whom shall I fear

*And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are Faithful (2x)
You are Faithful*

The God of angel armies is always by my side!

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me,
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground,
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls,
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun,
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, Faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won,
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord,
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come,
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need,
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days,
The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

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!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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 Mike McMahan

(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

"One Thing": God's Face Over Fear

Psalm 27 (Page 460)

Pastor Rick Stark

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.)

Be Still My Soul

Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastn'ing on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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

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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Jessica Keith	NextGen Coordinator
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Jordan Littrell

For those that would like to send a letter or card to Jordan & Leigh Littrell during their Houston stay, the address is:

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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

Promotion Sunday

Next Sunday, September 13, our kids will move up to their new Sunday School classes (9:30am).

Women's Fall Kickoff Lunch

WIC Kickoff Lunch, next Sunday, Sept 13, directly after church. Come eat and fellowship with other women and learn about what we have planned for the coming year!

J.O.Y. Luncheon

Please join us on Sunday, Sept 20, immediately following worship service. Prepare your favorite dish & come join the fellowship! Meal will be catered.

Women's Bible Study

Join us on Tuesdays at 10am in the Sedona classroom. This fall we are doing a 12-week video series called Facing the Last Enemy by Guy Prentiss Waters. Nursery will be provided. Study Books are available in the Book Nook for \$12.

Iron Man Retreat

"Every man dies; not every man really lives" – William Wallace. So what does it mean, the pursuit to *"really live"*? Come join us to find out at the Iron Man Retreat, October 2-3 (Friday night – Saturday afternoon) at The Vision Retreat Center, Huntsville. Register now on our website A \$75 registration fee covers room, meals, activities, and swag.

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