



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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September 20, 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:

### Mercy Multiplied<sup>1</sup>

No amount of devotion.  
Not a song I could sing.  
Nothing good I could offer.  
Nothing fit for a King.  
Oh, it's hard to imagine.  
There's a place here for me.  
I got a seat at the table.  
Just because I believe.

*Wonderful Father, gracious provider.  
Lavishly giving to me.  
Every blessing like oil overflowing.  
Pouring out more than I need.  
I'm treasured in Your eyes.  
That's mercy multiplied.*

You give me sun in the morning,  
and a safe place to rest.  
Adopted into Your family.  
Where Your love never ends.  
I got a home and a future.  
And I know who I am.  
Every step that I'm taken.  
Is a part of Your plan.

If it's good, if it's perfect. I know it comes from You.  
And if I lose it all, it'd be worth it.  
Cause I know You'll see me through.

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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## *Psalm 107:2*

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:** Let us offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his  
deeds in songs of joy!

**PEOPLE:** Break forth together into singing, for the  
Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed  
Jerusalem!

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

### Hymn of Praise

#### This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: the battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and Heav'n be one.

# Reading of the Word

Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Eternal God, You always keep your covenant with us, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not stay bound to you. In Jesus Christ you love us perfectly and completely, yet we have not loved you fully or loved one another as you've commanded us. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to Christ, and be gracious to us**

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## *Exodus 19:3-8*

Being People of the Covenant

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 1:13-14*

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**

## **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.

*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*

*And the angels cry, Holy All creations cries, Holy!  
You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!*

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!*

## **Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

Jesus I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee;  
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shalt be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition,  
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior too;  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them untrue;  
Oh while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love and might,  
Friends may hate and friends disown me;  
Show Thy face, and all is bright.

Go then earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl and clouds may gather,  
All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation,  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care;  
Joy to find in ev'ry station  
Something still to do or bear;  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee;  
Child of heav'n, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
Heaven's eternal day's before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

## The Blessing

The Lord bless you, and keep you.  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

*Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.*

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
And your family and your children  
And their children and their children.

May His presence go before you  
And behind you and beside you.  
All around you and within you,  
He is with you, He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening,  
In your coming and your going.  
In your weeping and rejoicing.  
He is for you, He is for you,  
He is for you, He is for you.

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

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

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.

# Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan  
*(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.)*

## His Tithes & Offerings

### Sermon

Live in Harmony with One Another  
Romans 12:14-21 (Page 948)  
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.)*

## Fall On Us

May the power of your presence overwhelm us,  
Holy Spirit living breath of God  
Give your grace and gifts to all who gather,  
Help us see... set us free

May the beauty of your glory. captivate us,  
Show us ways we fail to walk in love  
Touch our troubled spirit with forgiveness,  
Renew us here... draw us near

*Fall on us, Holy Spirit,  
Breathe in our hearts and light your fire  
Fall on us, Holy Spirit,  
Move in this place with resurrection power  
Fall on us, Fall on us, Holy God*

May the comfort of your mercy bring the peace of God,  
Speak into our lives the word of Christ  
Give us faith and hope for life's long journey,  
Fill our souls.... make us whole

For the proud and for the hopeless,  
For the strong and for the weak  
For the sure and for the doubting,  
For the one who has no peace  
For the healthy and the ailing,  
For the rich and for the poor  
For all who come in victory,  
For all who just endure

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.

## ***Ephesians 6:23-24***

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**

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

# ***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

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

### Jordan Littrell

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

Jordan Littrell  
1850 Old Main Street  
Apt. #3009  
Houston, TX 77030

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

Please join us today, Sunday, Sept 20, immediately following worship service. Bring your favorite dessert. The meal will be catered so be sure to RSVP. For more information, contact Liz Olin (256.221.4270).

### Bridal Shower

Join us in celebrating Marley Schmid & Shawn Diehl with a Bridal Shower on September 27th from 1:00-3:00pm! As they prepare for their wedding on October 10, 2026, let's bless them with gifts from their registry. You can find their registry at TheKnot.com. The shower will be held at Vicki Stephenson's home at 3709 Woodtrail Rd. SW. Thank you for helping us shower this couple with love and support!

### 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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