



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 4, 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:

Same God¹

Lord, I've fallen again, I'm confessing my sin
No other One could rescue, God, You're my only refuge

Oh, I do the things that I do not want to do
Oh, my flesh is weak but my Spirit longs for you

*It's the same prayer, over and over again
But You're the same God, And Your kindness knows no end
Your love never fails, Your heart doesn't change
Your mercy overflows, You're the same God
And you'll never let me, never let me go*

What You promise I'll be, You'll be sure to complete
Transforming grace unending, so I can stop pretending

My Savior, Redeemer, You know what I need
Oh Lord, when I wander, You chase after me
Impossibly gracious, immeasurably good
You know me deeper than anyone could
You'll always be patient, You'll always be kind
You'll always be faithful, For all of my life
Your Spirit's pursuing, Oh God, I believe
You'll finish the work of Jesus in me

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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Psalm 34:1-3

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: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PEOPLE: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

PASTOR: Oh, magnify the Lord with me;

PEOPLE: **Let us exalt his name together!**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

All Creatures Of Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him! Allelujah!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam.

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Allelujah!

Praise, Praise the Father, praise the Son.

And praise the Spirit, Three-in-one.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,

Come and rejoice in His great love.

O praise Him! Allelujah!

Christ has defeated every sin.

Cast all your burdens now on Him.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

Reading of the Word

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Holy Lord, there is no other God besides you. It is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, and strength; but we confess that our affections continually turn away from you. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may glorify you before the world

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

God's Command on Your Heart

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.

Isaiah 30:18

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

O Church Arise

O Church, arise, and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

*Arise, shine for your light has come,
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride,
Arise, o church arise!*

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
for the Conquerer has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away
and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

Hymn Of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;
To look upon the One Who bled to save me,
And walk with Him for all eternity.

*There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more,
Standing face to face with He Who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.*

And every prayer we prayed in desperation,
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear,
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears.

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith,
With one voice a thousand generations sing,
“Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.”
Forever He shall reign!

*So let it be today, we shout the hymn of heaven.
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar.
Glory to our God, Who gave us life beyond the grave.
Holy, holy is the Lord.*

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

My worth is not in what I own;
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love,
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed,
At the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul, I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid
At the cross

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 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.)

Singing to the Lord

How Great Is Your Love
Worship Choir

His Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

Teach Each Other
Ephesians 4:11-25 (Page 977)
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.)

By His Wounds

He was pierced for our transgressions
He was crushed for our sins
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed

We are healed by Your sacrifice
In the life that You gave
We are healed for You paid the price
By Your grace we are saved
We are saved

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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 3:20-21

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 to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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
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CHURCH STAFF

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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

Formed: Sabbath

Join us October 23 at 6:00 PM for our next Formed gathering as we explore how Sabbath helps us trust God in all things. We'll consider what Scripture teaches about rest, worship, and trusting God enough to stop.

Fall Festival

Join us on Wednesday, October 28th at 5:30 PM for our annual Fall Festival, a free event for the whole community! Bring your friends and family for an evening packed with fun activities

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