



THE LORD'S SERVICE

September 7, 2025

Gathering & Hospitality
Welcome & Announcements

Welcome! If you would like to receive our E-announcements, leave your contact info (including email) at the welcome stand. Please reference the insert for upcoming events and announcements.



THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

****Call to Worship***

Psalm 71.19-23 (ESV)

*Your righteousness, O God,
reaches the high heavens.
You who have done great things,
O God, who is like you?*

**We will praise you
for your faithfulness, O God;**

*I will sing praises to you,
O Holy One of Israel.*

**Our lips will shout for joy,
when we sing praises to you!**

***Songs of Praise**
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Words & Arr by: Hodges/Van Dyke/Beethoven

Joyful joyful we adore Thee, God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother all who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other lift us to the joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21.1-5; 22-27 (ESV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Words & Arr by: Hawks/Lowry

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

*I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.

*I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

*I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

I need Thee ev'ry hour, teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

*I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*



THE LORD CLEANSES US

† *Confession of Sin*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so
that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
Cleanse me, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not
your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing
spirit. (Selections from Psalm 51).

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Romans 5.1-2 (ESV)

*"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ"*

**"Through him we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we
stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."**

***Prayer of Petition**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: And now let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us:

All: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.**

Children's Homily

*Dismissal to Little Sprouts. (Available for kids 3-PreK, to be picked up at the beginning of the Lord's
Supper. Drop-off and pick-up are as you exit the sanctuary.)*



THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

**Scripture Reading*

Hebrews 11.8-22

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“By faith we become RADICAL.”



THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognizing its belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this gracious meal with us. By taking the bread and the wine, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in God's sovereign mercy, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any questions about your participation in the Lord's Supper, please speak to one of our elders.

“Agnus Dei”

Arr by: Smith

Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty Reigns
Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty Reigns

*Alleluia... Holy
Holy, Are You, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are Holy ...
Holy, Are You, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
Amen*

***We Confess Our Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

2nd Century

The Book of Common Prayer, 1662-adapted with modern English

*catholic = universal

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy catholic* church;
The communion of Saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

Collection of Offerings

Leader: *What gifts do you offer to your Lord in response to His grace?*

**People: We offer ourselves through praise and thanksgiving,
We offer our prayers and offerings for the sake of the world.**

"Doxology"

Louis Bourgeois

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Hymn of Response**

"He Leadeth Me"

Words & Arr by: Gilmore/Bradbury/Norton Hall Band

He leadeth me, O blessed thought,
O words with heavenly comfort fraught
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful follower I would be for by His hand He leadeth me*

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine
Nor ever murmur nor repine
Content, whatever lot I see
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful follower I would be for by His hand He leadeth me*

And when my task on earth is done
When, by Thy grace, the victory's won
E'en death's cold wave, I will not flee
Since God through Jordan leadeth me, oh

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful follower I would be for by His hand He leadeth me*



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand*

† all who are able, please kneel

¹⁸ In hope [Abraham] believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”

¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.”

Romans 4:18-22

“The providence of God is like Hebrew words—
it can be read only backwards.”

John Flavel, *The Mystery of Providence* (1678)

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPT 14, 10:15AM | CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: DEACON ELECTION and VISION REVEAL

Join us between worship services for an important congregational meeting. No adult or children's classes. Childcare for ages 0-5th grade provided on second floor during meeting.

1. Deacon Election: After an extended process of nomination, training, discernment, and examination, the Session is presenting *Jordan Clark and Sam Higgins* for election to the office of Deacon. Pray for these men, talk with them, and consider 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

2. 50+ Year Vision and Facility Expansion 'REVEAL': The Session, Deacons, and Capital Campaign Task Force have endorsed moving forward with a capital improvement project toward the fulfillment of our 50+ Year Vision. We will share 2D and 3D renderings of a Sanctuary Expansion and a new Master Plan for repurposing our current spaces. *This will be followed by weeks of processing, Q/A, prayer and discernment prior to a congregational vote to proceed (late October).*

SUNDAYS, 10:10-10:50 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING:

- TODAY - Creeds: Needed? Good? Useful?, Part 2
- 9/14 - No Class | Congregational Meeting



MON, SEPT 8, NOON-1:30 PM | STRONG FINISHERS LUNCHEON: Join us for our Strong Finishers Luncheon. Geared toward those who are retired but open to all! Elder Paul Gorman & Attorney Jared Williams will present LEAVING A LEGACY: Stewarding What God Has Given You. QR code to RSVP. Bring your own lunch!

SUN, SEPT 14 | THE HUDDLE: Twice-a-month gathering for post-high school young adults. Join us over a meal for friendship and real talk about faith. Meeting for lunch after 2nd service! Reach out to Stan Bauer (407-739-8582) or LeeAnna Hungerford (901-201-0969).

THUR, SEPT 18, 5:30PM | CAMPUS HOUSE: Campus House is a ministry to ETSU students. We provide dinner for their gathering, 'Thursday Night Live'. We need volunteers to bring food and/or hang out with students. Please contact John or Emily Barrett (barrettemily25@gmail.com, 423-741-9698) if you have any questions.



SAT, SEPT 27, 9AM-NOON | SERVE RISE-UP & AGAPE: Join Summit Leadership for their event 'Love JC' to serve local non-profits. CCC is nominating our mission partners, Rise-Up & Agape! Use QR to register to serve Rise-Up & Agape.

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT | AMY MARKWALTER: Amy, a CCC member, works with Mission to the World as their Children's Ministry Consultant. As missionaries around the globe plant churches, evangelize, and disciple, Amy comes alongside them in the vital work of caring for their children. As she seeks to reach her monthly financial support goal, please consider giving to her important missionary work by joining her support team. Talk with Amy and/or give using this QR code. Thank you!



SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY

8:45-10:00, 1st Worship Service
10:10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

Adult Classes

Fullbright Community Group: 2nd Floor, 10:10-10:50

Children's Classes, 10:10-10:50

K-1st: Elaine DeVusser 2nd Floor
2nd-3rd: Arika Smith & Mackenzie Reagor, 2nd Floor
4th-5th: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2nd Floor

Youth Classes

Middle School (6th-8th): Troy Cash, 3rd Floor, 10:10-10:50
High School (9th-12th): Troy Cash, 3rd Floor, 6-8PM

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

We are thankful to be an intergenerational congregation that prioritizes family worship. We love little ones in our gathered worship learning the rhythm of corporate worship.

FRONT ROOM: A live stream of the service is available in the front room for families with little ones who get restless or need a break.

NURSERY: On 2nd floor for children under 3, for the duration of the worship services.

LITTLE SPROUTS (3-PREK): On 2nd floor, during the sermon with age-appropriate teaching. Check your child in/out of class in the front room (after children's homily & before Communion).

COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP: If you or your child is ready to profess faith in Christ and partake of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor AJ (or any elder), so we can arrange a time to talk.

NOW | COMMUNITY GROUPS LAUNCHING: Our intergenerational small groups centered on relationship and discussion of God's Word are launching now! Grab a flyer out front, look on our website, or talk with Pastor AJ to find a group that fits for you.

MEN

WEDNESDAYS @ 8AM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Weekly bible study and prayer at the church. Bring your bible & coffee, and Contact Paul Gorman (paul.w.gorman@gmail.com) if you plan to join.

WOMEN

SUNDAYS @ 6PM & WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30AM | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Studying Colossians using Lydia Brownback's book. Meeting at the church. Childcare provided for WED AM study.

OCT & NOV | AROUND THE TABLE: Dinner & study. More details coming soon!

OCT 17-19 | WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT: Registration opens soon!

MERCY MINISTRY WORK DAYS: If you have a need or know a need that our Deacons could facilitate a work day for, call Ethan Gouge at 423.782.8121. Can be completed with privacy & discretion.



⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. (ESV)

By faith we are called to go ... and we OBEY. | 11.8-10

By faith we receive power ... and we TRUST. | 11.11-12

Inter-GENERATIONAL-lude | Faith and family
11.13-16, 20-22

By faith... we are tested ... and we become RADICAL. | 11.17-19