THE LORD'S SERVICE
May 31, 2026

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** Philippians 4.4; Psalm 145.8-13 (*ESV*)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power...

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations!

Songs of Praise
"Rejoice, The Lord Is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Prayer

Scripture Reading Isaiah 57.14-21; 40.28-31 (*ESV*)

14 And it shall be said,
"Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my people's way."
15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
"I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.
16 For I will not contend forever,
nor will I always be angry;
for the spirit would grow faint before me,
and the breath of life that I made.
17 Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry,
I struck him; I hid my face and was angry,
but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.
18 I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;
I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners,
19 creating the fruit of the lips.
Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the Lord,
"and I will heal him.

[20] But the wicked are like the tossing sea;
for it cannot be quiet,
and its waters toss up mire and dirt.
[21] There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

[28] Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
[29] He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
[30] Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
[31] but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

"O God Beyond All Praising"

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise

"Agnus Dei"

Allelulia, 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

THE LORD CLEANSES US

† Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you,
Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins;
And imploring your mercy and forgiveness.
We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words;
And by the sinful affections of our hearts.
We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude,
Our pride and willfulness;
And all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward fellow men.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
And of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter
serve and please you in newness of life;
Through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

****Declaration of Forgiveness*** Psalm 116.5-7 (*ESV*)

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
The Lord preserves the simple;

When I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

****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** Galatians 6.6-10

Pastor: This is the word of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Jim Powell

"THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING"

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.

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have tho't that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
O you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
O we hopelessly lost the way.

You are the one that we praise, You are the one we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

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Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving your own,
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne,
O we're falling before your throne.

You are the one that we praise, You are the one we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for (Chorus x 2)

We Confess Our Faith

The Nicene Creed
Council of Constantinople, 381AD
**Catholic = universal*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
Came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets;
And we believe in one holy, catholic* and apostolic church;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come.
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.

"Gloria Patri" Ancient Text (ca. 2-4 cent.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

****Hymn of Response***
"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

He speaks and list'ning to his voice new life the dead receive
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

****Benediction***

** all who are able, please stand*
† all who are able, please kneel

Christianity is in crisis. It seems no accident to me that so many Christians now embrace self-help rather than self-denial- most churchgoers have tuned out the hierarchy in embarrassment... Nor is it a shock that so many have turned away from organized Christianity and toward "spirituality," co-opting or adapting the practices of meditation or yoga, wandering or lapsed in a spiritual desert. [And yet] The thirst for God is still there.

Christianity in Crisis, Andrew Sullivan (cover of Newsweek, April 2012)

"Humility means that you live before God, dependent on him, with a heart that listens… Humility is to rest in God alone, listen to what he says, learn from him, and respond to him. From that place, humility takes action, and other people notice [and experience it]."

The Humility Project for Men, Ed Welch (2026)

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- 6/7, Sharing the Gospel & Your Testimony, Kike Astorga

TODAY, MAY 31, 2PM | BABY SHOWER FOR CASSIE FERGUSON: Ladies, please join us here at the church for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Ferguson! Please RSVP to Charlotte (423-972-5984). Use the QR to see the registry.

WEDNESDAYS 6-8PM, JUNE 3-JULY 1 | REFORMED THEOLOGY 101: Join us at the church building for a special summer seminar! What is 'reformed theology'? What does it mean to be 'reformed'? We'll enjoy a meal together each Wednesday before Pastor AJ teaches and leads discussion. Childcare will be provided for young children, and older kids (~10+ are invited to join in the class & discussion).

FRI, JUNE 5, 6PM | UPDATED LOCATION -MEREDITH PAVILION @ WINGED DEER PARK: Join us for this sweet time of fellowship @ The Meredith Pavilion at Winged Deer Park Lakeside! Hot Dogs and waters provided, and bring a side to share! RSVP and specify side with the QR code so we can plan ahead.

JUNE 7, JULY 5 & AUG 2, 8AM, 3RD FLOOR | SUMMER CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER: Join us for a 30 minute time of prayer for our families, for Christ's church, as well as for our community and world.

JUNE 7-JULY 26, 10:15-10:45, 2ND FL. KID'S HALL | SUMMER KIDS' CLASS: A course for K- 8th grade between services. Miss Elaine will cover the 5 Solas and church history. Join the fun!

JUNE 7-JULY 26, 10:15-10:45, 3RD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM | BASIC BIBLICAL GREEK: If you are interested in learning some basic Greek, join Matt Russell as he leads this class for the summer! Contact mattr29@hotmail.com to RSVP, get textbook information, and with any questions.

JUNE 15-19 | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Join us for a week of Vacation Bible School as we blast off for a deep exploration of the majesty of God! When we think of God's magnificence, we often think of the wonders of creation, and rightly so! The stories of Genesis 1-9, however, admonish us that to stop there is to barely skim the edge of the universe of God's greatness. *VBS is for children age 4 through 5th grade.* Use QR to register.

Sign-up to provide VBS Snacks

Sign-up to provide Lunch for Youth VBS Leaders

SAT, JUNE 20, 10:30AM | BABY SHOWER FOR JOANNA BARTAL: Ladies, please join us for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Bartal! Hosted at Jeanette Ransom's home (800 N Mohawk Dr, Erwin, TN). Please text Jeanette to RSVP (321-480-2287). Use the QR to see the registry.

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
Theological & Topical Teaching: Sanctuary, 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 & 2ND FLOOR LARGE CLASSROOM: A live stream of the service is available in the front room & on the second floor in the large classroom.

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.

WOMEN

TUESDAYS, STARTING 6/2, 3-4:30PM | WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: Join us as we use Sarah Ivill's book to study Colossian over 8 weeks! Led by Krista Babel. Childcare is provided. Use QR to register.

MISSIONS PARTNER: KIKE AND BRITTANY ASTORGA. The Astorga family is here for the summer as they raise support so they can continue their work with Campus Outreach in Guadalajara, Mexico. If you would like to support their ministry please scan the QR & consider connecting them with other Christians in your circles! Kike's email is elifelet.astorga@campusoutreach.org.

Galatians 6.6-10

[6] Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. [7] Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. [8] For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. [9] And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. [10] So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (*ESV*)

THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING

6.6 | An EXAMPLE, congregationally.
An example of sowing to the Spirit…

6.7-8 | An EXHORTATION, conceptually.
Sowing and reaping ... God's design.

6.9-10 | An ENCOURAGEMENT, comprehensively.
Let us not grow weary in doing good...