

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Arr.: Lani Smith

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Patty June, Liturgist

Leader: Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

People: Let us sing songs and hymns, old and new, celebrating with praise and prayers.

Leader: Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

**People: Our God is already here, among us and within us, bringing new life to all who believe.
Let us praise God together!**

*HYMN #744 *(see bulletin)*

“Arise, Your Light Has Come”

Duck/Walter

*CALL TO CONFESSION

As we worship God, let us take time to honestly name the ways that we have fallen short, collectively and individually. Trusting in the gracious mercy of our Lord, let us confess, together, saying these words...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, you call us to turn away from behaviors and attitudes that belong to the darkness, to live honest and transparent lives as children of the light. We confess the times when we have failed, giving in to our darker thoughts and desires; and acting in ways that did not bring honor to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us. teach us how to live as children of the light, to love one another, to put the needs and interests of those around us above our own; to love as we have been loved by You. Speak to our hearts now Lord in these silent moments of worship... Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Hear the Good News! When we stumble, fail to love, or cause friction in our relationships, God does not leave us to our own brokenness. Christ stands among us in our honest efforts to forgive and be forgiven. Where two or three are gathered to seek grace, His mercy is complete, and His peace restores us.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, and freed to love one another again.
Thanks be to God!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #377 *(see bulletin)*

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Kathleen Thomerson

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Arr.: Ellen Jane Lorenz

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Romans 13:8-14

ANTHEM

“My Savior’s Love”

Gabriel/Harlan

SECOND READING:

Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

“Family Feuds”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

***HYMN #525** (*see bulletin*)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Arr: M.W. Costen

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .

the prayer continues ...

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Sacrament

Communion Prayer

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in C”

John Troutman

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers placed in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in honor of all people who work to provide for their families.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elders of the Month: Laura Hall & Melody Jenkins

(Today's September Thrive event has been cancelled; mark your calendar for the first Sunday in October.)

Monday, September 7 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 8 at 4 p.m. Missions – dinner planning session

Wednesday, September 9 –W.A.T.C.H. food & fellowship from 5 to 6 p.m. - *see details below*

Thursday, September 10 at 11 a.m. Cornerstones Lunch on the Road

Friday, September 11 & Saturday, Sept. 12 – Stephens Ministry trip to Atlanta

Sunday, September 13 at 3:30 p.m. Resonance Service

Monday, September 14 at 10 a.m. Christian Service

Monday, September 14 at 7 p.m. PW Evening Circle

Wednesday, September 16 at 10 a.m. Finance Meeting

Wednesday, September 16 –W.A.T.C.H. food & fellowship from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by Programs & Choir

Thursday, September 17 at 1 p.m. CARDS

Thursday, September 17 at 5 p.m. MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, September 20 at Noon - Missions Dinner

Monday, September 21 at 9 a.m. Tidy Team

Monday, September 21 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting

Monday, September 21 at 7 p.m. SESSION

WEDNESDAY W.A.T.C.H. ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 9

5 to 6 p.m. Adult “brown bag” supper in the fellowship hall—bring your own sandwich, fast food meal, etc.

5:30 to 7 p.m. Kids/Youth leave on the bus for Pizza, Park & Praise

6 p.m. Adult Study

7 p.m. Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY: SPECIAL GUEST FOR RESONANCE

SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 3:30 P.M., JOIN IN OUR DISCUSSION ON SCIENCE & FAITH

GUEST SPEAKER: JANET KELLOGG RAY holds a PhD in curriculum and instruction. She has spent 21 years teaching science at the University of North Texas. Raised a creationist, she's now a passionate evolution educator and committed Jesus follower who brings rare personal insight to the conversation between faith and science.

She loves explaining evolution to questioners, doubters, deniers, and the genuinely curious, and is the author of *Baby Dinosaurs on the Ark, The God of Monkey Science, and Fish with Feet.*

Come join us on September 13th. In this conversation with Janet Kellogg Ray, we explore how evolutionary science and Christian theology aren't in conflict but instead illuminate each other.

MISSIONS DINNER: SEPTEMBER 20TH

This year's Missions Dinner to benefit the Fellowship for Disadvantaged Peoples in Bangladesh will be held at noon **Sunday, September 20th.** Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Patty June or the office. The menu for eat-in or take-out meals is Fried Chicken, Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Roll and Peach Cobbler.