This coming week in the life of the church

Today 11/15
9am Worship
10:15am Sunday School
Monday 11/16
1pm Visitation Team
5:30pm SPRC Meeting
6pm Church Conference
Tuesday 11/17
7pm Boy Scouts
Wednesday 11/18
9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study
10:30am Fitness Class
5:30pm Soccer Event Perry Hall
6pm Disciples Forever
6pm Disciple 2
Thursday 11/19
6pm Grief Share
Friday 11/20
11am Bright Point Doula Program
7pm EV Youth Fellowship Perry Hall
Saturday 11/21
10am Women's Ministry Meeting

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings to God~

All that we have comes from God; we are caretakers of what belongs to Him. As an act of faith, we return a portion of God's provision for the growing and continuation of His work. There is an offering plate as you enter for tithes and offerings, you can send them through our website, or they may be mailed to the church office.

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LOVIN' JESUS LOVIN' YOU

November 15, 2026



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Order of Worship for November 15, 2026

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of Praise**: "God so Loved the World"
"God's Unchanging Hand"

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 102: 11-21

Liturgist: Carla Walter

One: My days are like the evening shadow; I wither away like grass.

Many: But you, Lord, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations. You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come.

One: For her stones are dear to your servants; her very dust moves them to pity.

Many: The nations will fear the name of the Lord, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory. For the Lord will rebuild Zion and appear in his glory.

One: He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea. Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord: "The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death."

Many: So the name of the Lord will be declared in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem when the peoples and the kingdoms assemble to worship the Lord.

***Scriptures:** Isaiah 60: 1-3
Luke 2: 25-32
Acts 13: 44-48

Discipleship Time

Prayer Song: "Indescribable"

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message: Pastor Jim Bell

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

***Prayer of dedication**

God, you have blessed us with blessings we never prayed for and never imagined. You have protected us from dangers we never knew existed. And you have answered our prayers when we knew our need and asked according to your will.

Receive our gifts and use them to continue your healing, providing, protecting work in our midst. Let our ministry shine your light through our community and increase your glory among those who gather here, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Closing Song of Praise:** "Good, Good Father"

***Benediction**

***= Stand as able**

****Headsets to assist with hearing during the service are available from any usher****

Altar flowers are presented by Mark and Nancy Petersen in gratitude to God for providing us with men and women that have completed their service in our U.S. Military and are called veterans.

Darkness was not eclipse but _____

Was there more darkness then or now? _____

So God's light would be _____

And then we would become _____

Was there more light then or now? _____

So God would change the flow of _____

Acts 13 church believes _____

and that _____

"Nations" referred to _____

Simeon was an _____

Are you an insider or an outsider? _____

Simeon saw _____

Have you seen the light? _____

Where are you going? _____

Who are you telling? _____

Isaiah 60:1-3

60 "Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
2 See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
3 Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Luke 2:25-32

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. **26** It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. **27** Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, **28** Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:
29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

Acts 13:44-48

44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. **45** When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.
46 Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. **47** For this is what the Lord has commanded us:
"'I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"
48 When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believ