

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell

2 We Praise Thee, O God

Call to Worship: Steve Jones

134 The Lord's My Shepherd
671 Purer in Heart
337 Hallelujah! What a Savior

Bread: Chris Forand
 Fruit of the Vine: Palmer Young
 Giving: Kevin Taylor

— **Refiner's Fire**

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 13:5-14
 Calvin Mitchell

517 Heaven Came Down

Sermon: Ricky Cook

— **Change My Heart, O God**

Prayer Requests/Announcements

Medley:

693 Give Me the Heart of a Servant
694 Servant Song

Closing Prayer: Kevin Taylor

Usher 1: Bob Ozomah
 Usher 2: Rutherford Wilson
 Projectionist: Carl Wamble

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise and the Supplement.

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Bruce Robins

532 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Call to Worship: Bernard Foster

— **Open My Heart**
540 O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink
666 I am Thine, O Lord

Bread: Cornelius Morris
 Fruit of the Vine: Ethan Graves
 Giving: Jesse Frerot

70 Be Thou My Vision (PFL)

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 13:5-14
 Michael Ozomah

560 Living By Faith

Sermon: Ricky Cook

552 Have Thine Own Way

Prayer Requests/Announcements

722 Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen

Closing Prayer: Jesse Frerot

Usher 1: Elijah Prestridge
 Usher 2: Joe Ford
 Projectionist: Antoine Johnson

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise, Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.



Guest Guide:

- Nursery and Training room are upstairs.
- Children's classes are downstairs.
- Looking for a church home? We'd love to tell you about this congregation.
- Please fill out a guest card and give it to one of the ushers.
- Communion cups are available in the foyer. The cups will be picked up by the ushers after communion.

Serving Next Week: March 8th

8:00 Service

Brother of the Month	John Jones
Song Leader	Carl Wamble
Call To Worship	Jeff Watson
Bread	Eric Gilbey
Fruit of the Vine	Mike Wilson
Giving	Lester de Caires
Scripture Reader	Bryson Gilbey
Closing Prayer	Lester de Caires
Usher 1	Kevin Hogg
Usher 2	Reggie White
Projectionist	Byron Vaughan

10:30 Service

Brother of the Month	Bruce Robins
Song Leader	Antoine Johnson
Call to Worship	Allen Pratt
Bread	Jerry Prestridge
Fruit of the Vine	Rodney Philyaw
Giving	Kevin Nash
Scripture Reader	Adrian Williams
Closing Prayer	Kevin Nash
Usher 1	Henry Jenkins
Usher 2	Neal Wilkins
Projectionist	Bruce Robins

Wednesday, March 4th

Song Leader	Kevin Nash
Devotional Leader	John Jones
Closing Prayer	Carl Wamble
Projectionist	Allen Pratt



Where Faith Meets Life!

Life Groups Meet Today

We would like the men scheduled to serve in the worship service meet in the copier room at 7:45 and 10:15 to prepare for the service.



March 1, 2026

Sunday:

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,
 Spanish service 12:15 pm
 Bible Classes: 9:30 am
 Spanish Bible Classes: 11:00

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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“Don’t Play in the Dirt”

“For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.” *Psalm 103:14*

“Don’t play in the dirt!” In the days of my youth, I often received this directive from my mother (though I did not always heed her voice). There are numerous reasons that a parent would so instruct a child (2 Peter 2:22 comes to mind). However, as a child the allure of having fun outweighed any concerns of hygiene or propriety.

The words of the psalmist remind us that our physical bodies are but dirt – *Genesis 2:7*. The declaration of the psalmist begins a description of humanity’s frailty and proclivity to sin. It is the common lot of humanity to yield to the myriad temptations that ever confront us. However, God is mindful of the nature that descended upon man through yielding to temptation in the Garden – *Genesis 3:22*.

The declaration of the psalmist is that God does for us what we often fail to do for one another – “...*He remembers that we are dust.*” God does not turn a blind eye to our sin, neither is His compassion to mankind a license to sin. His great love for humanity moved Him to provide the means for our reconciliation and deliverance – *Romans 5:8; 6:15-19*. Except that God is mindful of our plight and merciful to our condition, we would be hopelessly lost.

The apostle Paul exhorts us to “remember” one another even as God “remembers” us – *Ephesians 4:32* “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” We are all but dirt. Let us be kind and merciful to one another even as God is kind and merciful to us all. To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
 Ricky Cook