

ORDER OF WORSHIP

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

People: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

All: Let us worship God.

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Eternal God, by Your hand we receive all good things. We praise You for Your mighty acts and great love for all creation. Thank You for Your never ending love and care for Your creation. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No 804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" MARION

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we know that we are not always the people You call us to be. We strive to serve You but choose our own way instead. We tolerate hate and anger and ignore those in need. Forgive our self-centered desires to enrich ourselves at the cost of the less fortunate. Do not judge us harshly when we try and fail to be Your faithful servants on earth, for we are weak and easily distracted by the glamour of this world. Love us when we have lost our way. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say,) We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Holy God, You reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us so that we may live as faithful servants of You alone. Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power so that we may, in turn, release others from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and oppression. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 146, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: I Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed; who give food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over strangers; He upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

People: The Lord will reign forever, Your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from 1 Timothy 6:6-19
you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 210-211 of the New Testament

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the king of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 16:19-31 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 79-80 of the New Testament

Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house--for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** (insert) *"Once to Every Man and Nation"* EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL)

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*” GLORIA PATRI
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.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We thank You, O God, our redeemer creator, for all the gifts You have given Your people. Grant us wisdom as we seek to use Your gifts for the benefit of Your kingdom. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 462 “*I Love to Tell the Story*” HANKEY

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 542 “*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*” GOD BE WITH YOU
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide uphold you,
with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY - Communion

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We are going to have our Annual Congregational Meeting has been moved to October 12 near the end of our Worship Service. All our members are asked to stay for the meeting, non-members are welcome to stay, or they can go to the Opportunity Corner and wait for the meeting to end.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Makia asks for prayers for the people of Cameroon and the upcoming election

Lorrinda Alexander home from the hospital but still needs our prayers

Jessica Zinn is sick

Cori's mother in law is having knee surgery

Cori has another kid at home while their mother is going through rehab

Alice Ann's mother passed away

Alice Ann has had 2 rounds of surgery for skin cancer

One of Manfred's younger brother passed away

Sue Bartels is recovering from surgery after a fall where she broke several bones

CELEBRATIONS

Tiffany and Michelle are here to celebrate Okoro's birthday

Cori is celebrating being here

Mireille thanks the church for prayers for Cameroon – elections are 3 weeks away