

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 10/15: Safe Sanctuary Training, play practice
- ◆ 10/17: Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 10/18: Wednesday Nighter (5:30)
- ◆ 10/25: Trunk or Treat
- ◆ 10/29: 5th Sunday Breakfast, play practice

The next 5th Sunday Breakfast is October 29 at 9:15 in the fellowship hall. The youth group will prepare a waffle bar. You may give a donation to cover the cost of breakfast and support their trip to Resurrection.

There will be a mandatory Safe Sanctuary Training **TODAY** following worship for volunteers with children & youth, including Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, Wednesday Night helpers, van volunteers, security team, and anyone else who might help with the children or youth at any time. Lunch is provided and the training will last approximately 2 hours.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of October, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are toilet paper, peanut butter & laundry detergent. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat & canned fruit. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Cathy Peeples

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Family of Dr. Steven Berk
Bob & Carla Brown
Travis Buchanan
Family of David Burleson
Catherine Cartus
John Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Family of Lauren Dake
Jackie Denny
Jenny Durban
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Marvin Feagins & family
Cecilia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Betty & Earl Gouge
Pam Hagen
Mendy Hall
Jacob Haun
Nora & Tony Haynes
Sharon Herzer
Cindy Holmes
Scott Huff
Keith & Jean Jones
Joyce Josie
Karl Kapoor
Deni Kiehl
Tammy Kosa
Linda Kostreva
Aubrey Lee
Karen Martin
Bonnie Marrs
Bob & Wanda May
Family of David McElveen
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peeples
Carolyn Peeples
Bobby Seay
Steven Schmidt
John & Susan Trotter
Anna Grace West
Manna House



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WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude "O word of God Incarnate" (Munich) Setting by Andrew Clarke

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

People: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Leader: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

People: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Leader: Let us rejoice in the goodness of the Lord our God.

People: Let us worship the One who loves us and leads us in the ways of life.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "How Firm a Foundation" #529, v. 1, 2, 4, & 5

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Holy God, You have spoken to us Your words of truth and life.

People: We are to love You above all else.

Leader: We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

People: We are to provide for the alien, widow, orphan, and poor.

Leader: We are to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.

People: We are to demonstrate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Leader: Forgive us when we gloss over Your words and pursue the values of the world.

People: Teach us to honor You with our lips and worship You with our hearts, so that we may live according to Your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Once again, God looks on us with love and mercy, blessing us with acceptance and life. My friends, gratefully and humbly receive the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Power of Prayer Screen

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "We Believe" Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Discipleship Testimony

New Testament Reading James 1:19-25

Anthem "The Perfect Wisdom of Our God"

Sermon "Embodying the Word" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Choral Response "Take Time to be Holy" v. 1 & 3, Screen

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn of Commitment "wonderful words of Life" #600, v. 1 & 2

Benediction

Benediction Response

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life
Jesus, only savior, sanctify forever
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life

wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Committed to Christ

Menu: spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30 and the classes begin at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 10/16 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

It's time for candy and costumes! We will host a neighborhood Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 25. We will serve dinner at 5:30, decorate trunks at 6:00, and welcome friends and neighbors at 6:30 for candy and games. Please bring individually wrapped candies and sign up to decorate a trunk. The Sunday School class with the most trunks will win Breakfast Tacos!

On Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 at Powell Square Park, we will have a Blessing of the Animals. Everyone from the whole community is invited.

- All animals need to be vaccinated
- Dogs must be on a leash with a snug collar or harness
- Cats and other pets must be in an enclosed carrier

For everyone's safety, you may wish to just bring a photo of your animal. Also, the Jr. High youth group will be collecting used blankets for the animal shelter.

Clare's Closet is accepting donations of slightly used winter outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, scarves, or hoodies) for the upcoming season of giving. All donations may be taken to the box located in the connector. As always, your generous support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. Distributions will begin in October.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.