

Scout Leaders

Greg Amstutz - Chartered Organizational Representative & Committee Chair

Boy Scouts

Ken Rodman - Scoutmaster
Shawn Deitemeyer - Asst. Scoutmaster
Robert Balyeat - Committee Member
Hellen Vaughn - Committee Member

Cub Scouts

Stephanie Lawrence - Cubmaster
Molly Welch - Lions Leader
Heather Nofer - Tiger Leader
Andrew Fox - Wolf Leader
Terry Childs - Bear Leader
Kris King - Webelos I Leader
Michelle Miller - Arrow of Light
Holly Childs, Donald Martin & Roberta Martin - Committee Members



Can you help?



We have so many opportunities for you to engage with our church and our community.

Here are just a few:

- **H2O Mentor program** - Our H2O middle school aged mentoring program is in need of more adults! Make a difference in a student's life by spending 40 minutes 1x/week with them at school. Find out what it's like by asking current mentor, Kay Okuley about it.
- **Greeters** on Sunday morning - need greeters and someone to help schedule them. Contact Jana.
- **Projectionist** for Sunday Mornings - we will train you. Contact the office.
- **Communion Stewards** and a **Coordinator**. Shirley Jarvis has been our coordinator, but needs to step back. Stewards prepare communion once a month. The coordinator schedules people.
- Middle School Students need a Sunday Morning **teacher** February - April. Contact Teresa.

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Church
Traditions



February 11, 2024

Scout Sunday

Our Vision Statement:

Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, ***Welcome!*** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3, ESV)

**indicates please stand if you are able
Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

Welcome & Announcements Susan Burchfield

Prelude *America! America!* arr. Robert Hughes

Scout Ceremony Greg Amstutz

***Procession of Flags**

Austin Deitemyer, Keegan Calderon, Dawson Perl and Billy Vaughn

***Pledge of Allegiance**

***Pledge to the Christian Flag**

Scout Oath & Scout Law

Cub Scout Religious Awards

Stephanie Lawrence

***Call to Worship** Greg Amstutz

Leader: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

People: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

Leader: He sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

People: He comes to judge all of creation.

Leader: With God's Spirit we are the Holy Church and the communion of the saints.

**People: Thank you for the forgiveness of sin and the resurrection of the body.
Amen.**

***Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy* #64

***Opening Prayer** Wesley Vaughn

Father and creator of everything we see and know, we thank You for the creeds we live by. Within these creeds, we are formed and conformed to great traditions of saints that have come before and the future saints that we pour into. We pray that as we own our creeds and traditions we grow stronger in our faith and our desire for each other as service and praise to You. Open our hearts to living these commitments in fresh new ways. We offer ourselves to You in the name of the risen Son. Amen.

Chat with the Children Chris Gordon

Children are dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church Susan Burchfield

***Scripture** Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Keegan Calderon

Anthem *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak* (#260) arr. Peter Cutts Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, accompanist and Sue Steinen, soloist

Series **Church Traditions**
Message "The Creeds" Jeremy Laukhuf

Blessing of the Scouts Pastor Christian Taylor

Prayers of the People

Giving of Tithes & Offerings (Children return from AWE)

Offertory *Andante* by Alexander Guilmant

***Doxology** *Gloria Patri* #71

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***Hymn** *Take My Life, and Let it Be* #399

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude: *Recessional* by David Martin

*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.
Thank you for worshipping with us!*

The Altar flowers are given in honor of
Jim and Matt Oechsle's birthdays by their Family

The Church Calendar and Prayer Concerns list
are available at each entrance

KID'S MINISTRY AWE
Children preschool through 5th grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons by attending our Alternate Worship Experience. Children will be released to AWE after praise and worship and return during offering time. AWE will not meet Communion Sundays which is the first Sunday of the month.

Leaders in Today's Worship
Pastor: Christian Taylor **Projectionist:** Noah Carter
Director of Music: Scott Turner **Sound Technician:** Ron Allison
Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf **Videographer:** Kurt Massillo
Acolytes: James Albright & Joshua Martin **Screen Creators:** Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor
Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assistant