

**TODAY**

**Nacho Ordinary Book**

Sunday, November 10th  
4:30pm - 6:00pm in the Dining Hall

Everyone is invited to  
eat nachos, play games, and talk about the bible

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**ORGAN CONCERT**

PERFORMED BY  
**DR. RYAN  
KENNEDY**

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## November Prayer Partner *prayer*

*Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.* 1 Corinthians 15:33

Dear God, I pray for (\_\_\_\_\_) to have good, godly friendships. I pray that you would surround them with those who love you and who encourage them, sharpen them, and uplift them. I ask that you would help them form friendships that will last them a lifetime, and not let them be misled. Help them show love to everyone, but only let those who will stir up good works in them into their inner circle. I pray that you will help (\_\_\_\_\_) be a good friend to others as well.

In Jesus' name, Amen

**THANKSGIVING  
BLESSINGS**

Please help us bless some local families with a thanksgiving meal!  
We need pies, shoppers and financial donations!  
Donations needed by  
**November 17th**  
SIGN UP AT THE TAKE 5 CART  
WITH TERESA OR DEB MOSER

**Christmas Musical**  
Don your ugliest Christmas sweater,  
and have a dickens of a good time with  
*A Christmas Yarn*  
A Christmas Carol-esque journey that  
brings the beautiful good news of  
Christmas!

**Sunday, December 15th  
6:30pm**

**FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL**  
Sunday, December 1st  
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Engage in activities celebrating Jesus'  
**HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE**  
followed by cookies and milk  
-volunteers appreciated-

*Last one for  
2024!*

November 13  
**FEAST MEAL**  
Ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, vegetable blend,  
tossed salad, hot dog w/bun, pie & drinks



# Gathering for Worship

## VETERANS SUNDAY

November 10, 2024

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

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! Psalm 130:1-2 NIV

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*

*Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

## Welcome & Announcements

Dillon Staas

**Prelude** *We Remember You* by Kirk Dearman arr. by Carol Tornquist Linda Baum, Pianist

## \*Call To Worship

Dillon Staas

Leader: We are caught up in the trials and tribulations of our everyday lives.

**People: The world seems to swirl around us, as a whirlpool, pulling us downward.**

Leader: Bad news blasts us from every direction.

**People: We need God's healing touch right now.**

Leader: Help us to believe in your healing love, O Lord.

**People: Help us to focus our lives on your redeeming presence.**

Leader: Enable us to reach out to each other and to our community.

**People: Give us the strength, determination, and commitment to speak your word of peace.**

Leader: And the people who seek the Lord shout:

**ALL: AMEN!**

**\*Hymn** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* #431 *Spirit of the Living God* #393

## \*Opening Prayer

God of blessing and love,

Dillon Staas

**Gather us close to you, that we may find renewal in your promise to care for us each day. Support us with the glory of your presence in our lives. Gather up our hurts and the pain others have caused for us. Restore us with generous hearts and patient understanding. Gather up our faults and the ways we have let you down. Renew us with humility to acknowledge where we fall short, and faith to strive again to follow your way. Bring us back into holy relationship with you. Amen.**

**\*Song** *You Are Holy*

## Chat with the Children

Chris Gordon

*Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5th grade*

## Life in the Church

Dillon Staas

**Anthem** *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Alice Parker Chancel Choir  
Tonia Dunifon, Director with Linda Mechling and Gloria Wendel, Accompanists

## \*Scripture

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

## Series

**Gathering for Worship**

## Message

Prayers of the People

Pastor Christian Taylor

**Veteran Recognition** *Variations on America* by Charles Ives

Gloria Wendel, Organist

## Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

## Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *America the Beautiful*

(Children return from AWE)

Gloria Wendel, Organist

\*Doxology *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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\*Prayer of Gratitude

**\*Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

## \*Spoken Benediction

♥ HAPPY ♥  
birthday

*The flowers on the altar are given:  
In celebration of Ho Marvin's 93rd birthday (Today!)  
by Lloyd and her family.*

## 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 Sunday which is the first Sunday of the month.

## Leaders in Today's Worship

**Pastor:** Christian Taylor

**Projectionist:** Noah Carter

**Worship Leader:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**Sound Technician:** Kyle Wendel

**Director of Music:** Scott Turner

**Videographer:** Dave Thompson

**Acolytes:** Willow Snyder & Dillon Staas

**Usher Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer &

**Screen Creators:** Cheri Oechsle &

Dave Lichtle, Assistant

Melody Taylor



**The Building & Church Office are closed November 28th & 29th.  
Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!**