

February Prayer Partner *prayer*

But Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. Jeremiah 17:7

“Lord, I ask for your Holy Spirit to fill (_____) with all the confidence they need, and may they know that their true worth is found in you. I pray their confidence and trust be in you alone and that standards they strive for are those that You provide. Give them grace and peace and remind them of your great love for them.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Preschool Fry Pie Sale

All orders are due by Feb 2nd

Order forms are located on the Take 5 Kart and outside the church office

Deliveries will be Feb 20th

L&T IT SNOW

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 15th

6:00 pm - 8:30pm

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TEDDY BEAR SUNDAY

FEB 16TH

TEDDY BEARS SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 12" HIGH WITH NO CHILD ENDANGERMENT ATTACHMENTS

AMAZING SUMMER

Mission Trip 2025

ASHEVILLE, NC

JUNE 8-14

\$450

\$100 DEPOSIT

DUE BY

JANUARY 27

PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE

SIGN UP TODAY

For More Information Call Teresa or Sierra

Wednesday Night Feast

Feb. 5, 2024

Lasagna

Garlic Bread

Capri Vegetables

Hot Dogs / Rolls

Chips

Tossed Salad

Desserts



February 2nd, 2025

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

“From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.” Psalm 71:6

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Nate Gearhart

PRELUDE *Hymn Tune Setting* arr. Brant Adams Scott Turner

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Aiden Bockrath

Leader: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.
People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.
Leader: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don’t listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.
People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.
Leader: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.
People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.
Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God’s Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.
People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.
Thank be to God! Amen.

***HYMN** *Here I am, Lord* (#593) Scott Turner

***OPENING PRAYER** Elijah Pollock
In a cynical and despairing world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your hope. In a violent and angry world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your peace. In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your compassion. In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your love. In a grieving and weeping world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your joy. May we be so captivated by your hope, O God, that we cannot help but whisper, sing, and enact the message of your reign, which is always coming into our world, and may our quietly prophetic lives be channels of your restoring grace wherever we may go. Amen.

LEADERS IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

Pastor: Christian Taylor
Worship: Jeremy Laukhuf
Director of Music: Scott Turner
Screen Creators: Melody Taylor
Acolytes: Willow Snyder & Aubrey Osborn

Projectionist: Noah Krites
Sound Engineer: Kent Smelser
Videographer: Dave Thompson
Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle, Assistant

SONG *I Will Follow* Jeremy Laukhuf

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Elora Hogan & Ella Pruden
(Children Remain in Worship)

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Haydon Dowler

***SCRIPTURE** Luke 4: 21-30 Noah Krites

SERIES **Where You Are: Embracing the Familiar**
MESSAGE *In Your Hometown* Pastor Christian Taylor

HOLY COMMUNION Maddy Laukhuf & Aubrey Osburn
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Teresa Shaffer

THE LORD’S PRAYER
ANTHEM *In Remembrance of Me* Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, Accompanist

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY *Melody from Blow Out* arr. Scott Turner
***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (#94)
***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***SPOKEN BENEDICTION** Pastor Christian Taylor

POSTLUDE *Allegro pesante* by S. Prokofiev Scott Turner

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



Kid’s Worship Kits

Today, our children will remain in worship instead of going to AWE. We have **Worship Kits** located in the Narthex if they would like something to work on. The kits include activities that go along with today’s service. Please remember to return the kits after service. Thank you.