

The Altar Flowers are for...

Lloyd Marvin's 92nd birthday on October 16th by Ilo Marvin & Family
Sue Harting's birthday on October 18th



PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH
"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10: 23-25

Dear God, This school year, please draw two good friends to _____. We know that where three or more are gathered together, there you are. Let _____ and their friends feel your presence in their lives so they may have the strength to overcome challenges and guidance in making wise decisions. Glory and praise to you alone, Amen

OCTOBER PRAYER

CHILI COOK-OFF & COOKIE BAKE-OFF
Sunday, Oct 19
 Sign up now at the Take 5 Cart
 May the Best Recipe WIN!

Join us for Trunk or Treat. DECORATE YOUR TRUNK AND PASS OUT CANDY Sign up at the Take 5 Cart.
SATURDAY
OCT 25, 2025
10 AM - 12 PM

KIDS HELPING KIDS
TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF
 Kids will be in costume that day collecting change at the entrance doors. Bring your change on Oct 26
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM
9:55 AM - 10:15 AM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

WEDNESDAY FEAST MEALS
Oct 15 MENU
 Barbeque Pork Sandwich
 Hearty Baked Beans Cole Slaw
 Tossed Salad Hot dog/Bun - Rolls Desserts

Food Pantry
 October is CANNED VEGGIES month
 Green beans, carrots, kidney beans, corn, peas, baked beans
 Your support makes a real difference in caring for others!

Please place your donations in the baskets located at the entrances.

DONATE YOUR BAKED GOODS

- DROP AT THE CHURCH BY 3 PM on THURS, OCT 16 or AT THE BOOTH ON FRI OR SAT MORNING
- WRAP IN CLEAR PLASTIC
- MARK WHAT THE ITEM IS and IF IT CONTAINS NUTS



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October 12th, 2025



Our mission is to embrace, equip, and empower people to know and follow Christ.

Thanks for joining us today!

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! We pray your experience in our Worship today will be one that blesses and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ. Please see the Welcome table, located in Jefferson St. entrance, or scan the QR code above to help plan your visit today.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits –
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

Psalm 103: 2-3

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR
+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

John White

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

John White

Leader: We are 10 lepers, with scars and wounds, and hope for your healing touch.
From our souls' depths we raise our voices to you. "Jesus, Master!
Have pity on us!" As we glimpse the grace you pour upon us, we thank you.

People: Amen.

PRELUDE | HANDBELLS CHOIR

Gloria Wendel, Director

My Faith Looks Up to Thee | arr. Kevin McChesney

+ OPENING PRAYER

John White

God, our Creator and Redeemer, open our eyes to a larger awareness of your goodness, and our souls to deeper gratitude. Then, uplifted with thanksgiving, may we undertake unpleasant tasks with good grace, and show irksome people a goodwill that is as great as we offer our best friends. Through Christ Jesus our ever-present Lord. Amen!

+ HYMN* *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* | Prayer of St. Francis Insert*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John White

Leader: Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Trusting in grace, let us confess our sins.

People: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you – have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor Christian Taylor

SONG *Gratitude*

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Jeremy Laukhuf

Children are dismissed to AWE* – Preschool through 5th Grade

*AWE - Preschool through 5th Grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons.

ANTHEM | CHANCEL CHOIR

Gloria Wendel & Linda Mechling,
Organ

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms | arr. Eric Nelson

+ SCRIPTURE SERIES MESSAGE



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ OFFERING SONG

I Exalt Thee

Children return from AWE



Place offerings in the tins coming through Pews, during Offering song.

+ DOXOLOGY #98

To God Be the Glory | UMH

+ SPOKEN BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Southampton | by James Horner

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.
Thank you for worshipping with us, and for your continued generosity and support.

KIDS

Each Sunday the children can engage in worship, scripture memorization, bible stories, games, and crafts in both large and small group settings all designed to help them grow in their faith and understanding of our amazing and awesome God. Scan the QR CODE to check out all that we offer!



YOUTH

Youth groups and classes are a place where young people can grow in their faith, build lasting friendships, and have a lot of fun along the way. We're excited to offer a dynamic and engaging program designed specifically for students in grades 6-12. Scan the QR CODE to find out all of our Youth Sunday School, Classes, and More!



LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP

LEAD PASTOR
CHRISTIAN TAYLOR
DIR. OF MUSIC
SCOTT TURNER
WORSHIP LEADER
JEREMY LAUKHUF
ACOLYTE
VIVIAN LAUKHUF
SOUND/AUDIO
JUSTIN SIEFKER

VIDEOGRAPHER
KURT MASSILLO
PROJECTION
ELORA HOGAN
SCREEN CREATORS
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