We Gather to Worship

Prelude — Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy — Hugh Livingstone, Jr.

Welcome and Announcements — Elder Stanley Hand

Veteran's Day Recognition and Prayer — Pastor Sherrad Hayes

* Call to Worship — Psalm 133 pg. 764 — Rev. Larry Ugarte

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when the community lives together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life forevermore.

*Hymn — Brethren, We Have Met to Worship — #396

*Prayer — Larry Ugarte

*Call to Confession — Larry Ugarte

*Prayer of Confession — Unison

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison — Unison

* Assurance of Pardon — Pastor Hayes

* The Gloria Patri — #581

* Sharing the Peace of Christ — Pastor Hayes

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

We Listen to God's Word

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples — Sarah Pearson Walker

Prayer for Illumination — Listen to the Word

Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don't understand.

Epistal Reading — Philippians 2: 1-11 pg. 1162 — Larry Ugarte

Special Music — What a Friend We Have in Jesus — Amy and Sherrad Hayes

Gospel Reading — John 15: 12-17 pg. 1069 — Pastor Hayes

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Sermon Series: The Way of Jesus (4/5) Called As Friends — Pastor Hayes

We Respond to God's Grace

*Hymn — Called As Partners in Christ's Service — #761

*Affirmation of Faith — Unison

*The Apostles' Creed — Pastor Hayes

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of The People — Pastor Hayes

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal pg. 35

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory — I Walked With God This Day — Tom Birchwood

*Doxology — #606

*Prayer of Dedication — Pastor Hayes

*Hymn — O Jesus, I Have Promised — #725

*Charge

*Benediction

* Postlude — As We Depart — Robert W. Thygerson

***Stand if you are able**

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)
Doris Welch (Home)
Dean Steele
Susie Fogg (Home)
Sharon Massey
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)
Duane Counter (Healing)
Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Jac Catlett
Diane Lynn (Health)
Gale Cottles (Healing)
Charlotte Lyle (Healing)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel – Army
Adam Naves - Marines
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard
Jay Tulley- Middle East
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard
Billy Nelson- Air Guard
Sean Miller - Army
Damien Williams - Army
Joshua Hargrove – Deployed
Terrance Wilson- Deployed
Joshua Wilcox - Marines

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees and back, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father-in-law of Michae & Gail Cottles)
MaryJo Ghadimi (Healing, friend of Matt Robinson)
Judy Cramer (Healing, neighbor of Jan Ruth)
Sue Guyer (Healing, sister of Bonny Noel)
Macie Garrett (Healing/Fractured Knee, 12 years old, great-niece of Christy Arnett)
Evelyn Walker (Health/Healing, daughter of Sarah Pearson Walker)
Maureen Mathes (Healing/Health, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Margaret Gray (Health, mother of Travis Gray)
Mary Roper (Healing, family of Matt Robinson)
Heather Hopcraft (Health/ Healing, comfort, family of Matt Robinson)
Cindy Richardson (Health, sister of Kevin Richardson)
Claude McKee (Health, Family of Jan Ruth)
Jesse Saunders (Health, Friend of Jan Ruth)
Deon Hargrove (Healing from MRSA Infection, Sister of DeAnna McNeill)
Candace Brooks (Healing/cancer, student of Cindy Witt)

For Our Visitors:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements:

- Play (or learn) Mahjong and other games each Monday night at Revival
- Potter's hand meets each Wednesday morning from 9-12. Stop by the Farmer's Market and see how we raise funds for people in need.
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Shower Day with Hearts for Homeless, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 at Revival. Volunteers are welcome to set up at 11:00, lunch and fellowship at 12:00, and clean-up at 2:00.

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	Stephen Ware
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Class of 2027:	David Lyle
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	Chris Shinforf
Trustee:	David Whitten
Class of 2028:	Hal Baker
	Brad Greene
	Sharon Hand
Trustee:	Jerry Witt

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Flowers

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