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Celebrating 175 Years



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We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9th, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

Gordon Young

"Prelude in Classical Style"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

“God Himself is With Us”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Our time together may be drawing to a close but our relationship with Christ continues to grow and develop with each passing day.

People: *Christ calls us to come and see, and discover all that is possible.*

Leader: Christ leads us into uncharted places of spiritual wilderness where the Word and will of God are the only reliable guides.

People: *Christ leads us to lose ourselves just so we might be found, just so grace might become real.*

Leader: Christ leads us toward the apparent dead-end of a cross to reveal a highway to new life.

Unison: *We gather in the midst of our questions, doubts, and concern and God calls us to surrender them all to God’s leading. Let us walk in faith and embrace the leading of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 69

“Here I am, Lord”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, we come searching for Your strength to guide us but in reality, we only rely on our own. We think our wisdom is more than enough. We believe our ways are better than Yours. We consider the love for family, friends, and Your church to be greater than Yours. We have much to learn.

Gracious God, it is time to trust You. It is time to walk in faith. It is time to acknowledge with our thoughts and actions that You, and You alone, are all we need. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 305

“Come Sing, O Church in Joy!”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our **debts**, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM

Matthias Claudius

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:29-42, page 91

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Rev. Rick Martindale

“Life Choices”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

John Wesley

“Jesus, thy Boundless Love to Me”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 295

“Go To the World”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Welsh Melody

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*POSTLUDE

Jean-Joseph Mouret

“Rondeau”

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of November 9th – November 16th

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Covered Dish Luncheon in Honor of Rick Martindale
Wednesday:	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group

Announcements

There will be covered dish luncheon after worship today to honor Rick Martindale and his nearly 20 years of service to our church. Please plan on attending and bring your favorite dishes. Let's make this a memorable moment for Rick and his family.

It's time for our Angel tree! Two families from Carthage Elementary School are being sponsored this year for Christmas. The Angel tree is located in the upper Narthex. Please place wrapped gifts with Angel tags on them under tree. If there are any questions, please contact Marie Monroe or Gail Hardin.

For the month of November, we are collecting raisins and crackers for Backpack Pals. Please place them in the appropriate "ministry basket."

Sunday, November 30th, is the first day of Advent and we invite you to bring a Poinsettia to decorate the church during this season. If you bring them a few days before or the morning of the 30th, we will get them arranged and will tend to them throughout Advent. If you plan on placing a Poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, please let Sonya Potter know by Tuesday, November 24, so that the information can be added to a bulletin during Advent.

The Harvest Table is given to the glory of God by the Presbyterian Women. Thank you to the Presbyterian Women for arranging this amazing table.