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September 27th, 2026

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

18th Sunday After Pentecost

September 27th, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) from Psalm 121 & 118

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will my help come?

People: *My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

All: *God’s steadfast love endures forever!*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Powerful and merciful God, you call us to live as your holy people. But we confess the many times this week that we have failed to live up to our calling. Although we have felt the urging of your Spirit, too often we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, and failed to extend your grace to others. Have mercy on us, Lord, and wash us clean from our sin! Show us the narrow road that leads to life, and give us the desire to serve you each day with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. In Jesus’ name we pray, 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 # 630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12, page 688

ANTHEM

Lowell Mason

“Master Speak, Thy Servant Heareth”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 5:13-16, page 4

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Rev. David Dudley

“Turn on the Light”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Charlotte Elliott

“Fantasia on Woodworth”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Jaroslav Vajda

“Go, My Children”

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of September 27th – October 4th

Sunday:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. David Dudley
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Grades 7-12)
Tuesday:	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday:		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday:	7:30 a.m.	Robbins Food Bank
Sunday:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / 2 Cents a Meal / Rev. Karen Allen
	11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting

Announcements

Please welcome back Rev. David Dudley, as he brings forth our message.

The Worship Committee is following up to see how the congregation likes having morning worship at 10:00 a.m. since it began in January. Please share your thoughts by filling out the survey and place your survey in the designated box in the lower narthex, today is the last day. Use this link [2026 Survey for Time of Worship.pdf](#) to sign up, it is also on the website.

The PW offer a meal ministry / visitation for anyone needing assistance during illnesses, etc. If you do not need a meal but would just like to set up a visit from one of our ladies, please contact JoAnn Wahala (910-947-3238). If you can't visit or be a part of the meal ministry delivery, we would love any assistance as far as preparing a meal. Donations are also welcome to aid in the PW ministry. If you would like to assist with the PW ministry or assist with a meal, please let JoAnn know.

Fellowship & Mission we will be collecting items for operation Christmas Child in October. National Collection Week is Nov 16-23. We will need small toys, crayons, coloring books, games, jump rope, combs, brushes, etc. The full list of items can be found by clicking on this link. samaritanspurse.org

Oct 31st - Trunk-or-treat. Calling All Decorators and Trunk Hosts! Candy provided by F&M committee. Decorate your car trunk, dress in family-friendly costumes, and pass out candy to local kids. Set up time: Arrive by 5:30 to park & decorate; Event time: 6:00 pm (until candy runs out) Sign up: Text Jennifer [910.690.4756](tel:910.690.4756) so we can reserve your space.

The flowers in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God by Pat Jackson.