

***Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
**Service of Word**  
**September 8, 2024**  
**11:00 AM**

***The Chiming of the Worship Hour***

***The Welcome and Announcements***

***The Prelude***                    “He Hideth My Soul”                    arr. Cook

***The Lighting of the Candles***

***The Introit***                    “I Love You, Lord”                    Klein

***The Opening Prayer***

***\*The Hymn of Praise No. 382 (all verses)***    “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

***Presentation of Third Grade Bibles***

***Presentation to New Members***

***The Intercessory Prayers***

*The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.*  
*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

***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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN.

***The Apostle’s Creed No. 881***

***\*The Congregational Hymn No. 130 (vs. 1, 4)***    “God Will Take Care of You”

***The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings***

***The Offertory***                    “Jesus Cares”                    arr. Cook

***\*The Doxology***

***\*The Gospel Lesson***

John 4:46-54

<sup>46</sup> Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” <sup>49</sup> The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my little boy dies.” <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. <sup>52</sup> So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, “Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him.” <sup>53</sup> The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he himself believed, along with his whole household. <sup>54</sup> Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

Reader: This is the Word of God.

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

***\*The Gloria Patri***

***The Anthem***                    “The Lily of the Valley”                    Larson

***The Sermon***                    “A Dying Son’s One Last Hope”

***\*The Hymn of Invitation No. 462 (vs. 1, 2, 4)***    “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

***\*The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

***The Choral Benediction No. 672***    “God Be With You till We Meet Again”

***\*Postlude***                    “Draw Me Nearer”                    arr. Cook

***The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God***  
***and given in loving memory of***  
***Hubert Caston***  
***on this his birthday by his family.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK

**Lighthouse Kids** – The Lighthouse Kids are invited to learn about Jesus on Wednesday nights from 5:15-6:45. Our beginning theme is “Masterpiece,” and we will learn how God is faithful and keeps his promises.

**Upper Rooms** - The new Upper Rooms are in. Please pick up your copy from the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**Get ready to grow!** Join us on Wednesday evenings in the church library from 5:30-6:30 p.m. to learn and grow as adult followers of Jesus.

**Third Grade Bibles** - Today are honoring our third graders, Everett Anderson, Carolyn Grace Cooper, Collier Sugg, William Sugg and Leo Zeponi, as we present them with Bibles from the church.

**Spud and Salad Lunch** - We will hold a spud and salad lunch on September 22<sup>nd</sup> following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be accepted, and all proceeds will go toward the mission trip to Tucson, AZ, in December.

**New Texting Provider** – The church is transitioning to a new texting provider. If you already receive texts through Remind, we will add you to the new list unless you opt out. If you do not currently receive texts and would like to be added to the list, contact the church office.

**Mums for Missions** – The church is selling two sizes of yellow, white, bronze, red and lavender mums. One gallon pots are \$10.00, and three gallon pots are \$20.00. You may order by calling the church office @ 668-494-1658. The last day to order will be Sunday, September 29, and pickup will be on Saturday, October 5, from 9-11 at the Bryan Youth Center. All proceeds will go toward our mission trip to Tucson, AZ, in December.

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***Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor***  
***Rachel Wood, Music Ministries***  
***Stacy Hays, Family Ministries***  
***Kindal Gammill, Pianist***