

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Service of Word**  
**September 15, 2024**  
**11:00 AM**

*The Chiming of the Worship Hour*

*The Welcome and Announcements*

*The Prelude*            “Take the Name of Jesus with You”            arr. Berry

*The Lighting of the Candles*

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

*The Opening Prayer*

*\*The Hymn of Praise No. 166 (all verses)*            “All Praise to Thee”

*The Children’s Moments*

*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. 140 (vs. 1, 4)*            “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

*The Offertory*            “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”            arr. Berry

*\*The Doxology*

*\*The Gospel Lesson*

John 5:1-18

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup>In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” <sup>7</sup>The ill man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” <sup>9</sup>At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath. <sup>10</sup>So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” <sup>11</sup>But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk’” <sup>12</sup>They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk’?” <sup>13</sup>Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. <sup>14</sup>Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.” <sup>15</sup>The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. <sup>16</sup>Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” <sup>18</sup>For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the Sabbath but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

Reader: This is the Word of God.

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*\*The Gloria Patri*

*The Sermon*            “Hold the Mat that Held You”

*\*The Hymn of Invitation No. 354 (vs. 1, 4, 5)*            “I Surrender All”

*\*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*            “Wonderful Peace”            arr. Cook

*The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God  
and given in loving memory of  
my aunt, Mrs. Martha Winters,  
and her sister, Mrs. Mary Patterson,  
by Mr. Charles Patterson.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK

**Judy Shirley Circle** - The Judy Shirley Circle will meet on Monday, September 16, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Susan Johnson, Holly Hitt and Gracy Taylor. We will study Chapter 11 in our book, *Women of the Bible*. We hope everyone can attend.

**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.

**Wednesday Adult Study** - 5:30-6:30pm | Church Library  
What do you expect a Christian to know? Not a brand new Christian. Not the best Sunday school teacher ever. What should an everyday Christian know? That’s the question driving our Wednesday Night Study. We’re seeking simple faith in an infinite God, even as we live in a complicated world.

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

**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.

**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.

#### Meetings

Administrative Council – Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 pm  
Staff Parish – Monday, September 23, at 5:30 pm

**First United Methodist Church**  
**612 East Broad Street**  
**West Point, MS 39773**

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