

***Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
**Service of Word**  
**September 29, 2024**  
**11:00 AM**

*The Chiming of the Worship Hour*

*The Welcome and Announcements*

*The Prelude*                    “Lift High the Cross”                    arr. Berry

*The Lighting of the Candles*

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

*The Opening Prayer*

*\*The Hymn of Praise No. 170 (all verses)*                    “O How I Love Jesus”

*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. 172 (1, 3)*                    “My Jesus I Love Thee”

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

*The Offertory*                    “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go”                    arr. Cook

*\*The Doxology*

*\*The Gospel Lesson*

John 5:30-47

<sup>30</sup>“I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

<sup>31</sup>“If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. <sup>32</sup>There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. <sup>33</sup>You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. <sup>34</sup>Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup>He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. <sup>36</sup>But I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup>And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, <sup>38</sup>and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

<sup>39</sup>“You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is they that testify on my behalf. <sup>40</sup>Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. <sup>41</sup>I do not accept glory from humans. <sup>42</sup>But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. <sup>43</sup>I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. <sup>44</sup>How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? <sup>45</sup>Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup>If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup>But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?”

Reader: This is the Word of God. **PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*\*The Gloria Patri*

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

*The Sermon*                    “The Son, the Spirit, and the Scriptures”

*\*The Hymn of Invitation No. 332 (vs. 1, 2, 3)*                    “Spirit of Faith Come Down”

*\*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*                    “There’s Within My Heart a Melody”                    arr. Cook

*The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God  
and given in loving memory of  
Judy Clark  
by Caroline and Bill Atkins and family.*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK**

**Fall Fellowship Meals** - Mark your calendars now for our Fall Fellowship Meals. On Sunday, October 13, we will have a church-wide breakfast in the fellowship hall beginning at 9 a.m. On Sunday, October 27, we will hold our fall picnic at Waverly Waters. Dress casually for church and then come join us for a meal of hotdogs, sides and desserts. If you would like to provide a side or dessert, please let Stacy know. On Sunday, November 17, we will have a Thanksgiving feast in the fellowship hall following the church service. The church will provide the meat and dressing, and we will have a sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary soon for sides and desserts.

**Wednesday Adult Study** - The Wednesday night adult study will continue at 5:30-6:30pm in the Church Library. This week, the question we'll be discussing is: What is the Bible?

**Spud and Salad Lunch** - The Spud and Salad Lunch was a huge success. A total of \$1,244.00 was raised for the mission trip to Tucson, AZ in December. The church wants to thank the people who organized and helped with this event: Lucy, Caston and Eli McKellar; Helen, Marc and John Facella; Julie Gray; Stacy Hays; Dee Echols and Tyler Johnson. We also want to thank those who furnished salads and desserts: Jane Caston, Dee Echols, Katie Bowen, Susan Johnson, Ann McClellan, Beth Raines, Mary Carr Ecklund, Kathy Wood, Luann Purnell and Clara Castle.

**Georgia Blue Lunch Trip** - The Wesley Fellowship Class is sponsoring a lunch trip on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, to Georgia Blue in Starkville. We will leave the church at 11:00 and return about 1:00. Gary Echols will drive the van. If you would like to go, please let Donna Cook or Gail Foote know. The deadline to sign up is Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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