

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word
August 31, 2025 | 11:00AM

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“Only Trust Him” arr. Cook

The Lighting of the Candles

The Congregational Introit

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” No. 340 (v. 1)

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise***

“Morning Has Broken” No. 145 (all verses)

The Children’s Moments

Robin McCormick

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 Congregational Hymns***

I Love to Tell the Story No. 156 (vv. 1-2)
Pass It On 572 (all verses)

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Take My Life” arr. Cook

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

****The Prayer for Illumination***

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

****The Scripture Lesson***

Isaiah 58:9b-14

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

“Empty Religion or Life-Giving Ritual?”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

No. 881

****The Gloria Patri***

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“Wonderful Words of Life” No. 600 (vs. 1,3)

SENDING FORTH

****The Congregational Blessing***

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 Congregational Benediction***

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” No 672 (all verses)

****Postlude***

“Softly and Tenderly” arr. Cook

***The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
by Bob and Amy Buckley in loving memory of
their grandest great aunts and grandmothers:
Frances Berryhill, Jimmy Dell Berryhill,
Jessie Mae Caradine, Edith Harmon, Elizabeth Lanham,
Emogene Turnage and Willene Watson.***



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Labor Day - The church office and the CDC will be closed Sept. 1st.

No Newsletter – There will be no newsletter this week due to Labor Day.

Glad You Asked! (Sermons) - On Sept. 7, Bro. Chad is going to begin a sermon series on questions you have about the Bible and our Christian faith. Submit your questions through the form at the back of the sanctuary or the Google form that you can access by using the QR code above.

Glad You Asked! (Study) - Sometimes a sermon isn't enough! As we consider questions on Sunday mornings, you might find yourself wanting to agree, argue, analyze, affirm, or ask about the sermon. There may also be some questions that we can't get to on Sunday mornings that we can consider together on Wednesday nights. We'll start next Wednesday at 5:30. Don't miss it!

Blessing Box - We are in need of food items and personal hygiene items for our Blessing Box. Please leave donations in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall. You may also access the Amazon Wishlist through our church Facebook page and ship items to the church.

School Supply Drive – We have a box at the back of the sanctuary for you to place your donations of school supplies, or you may order directly from Amazon and have the items sent directly to the church.

CDC Fundraiser – The CDC is selling t-shirts as a fundraiser. Adult shirts are \$20.00 and children's shirts are \$15.00. You can see the t-shirts on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. Sign the order sheet on the table there or call the church office to place your order. **Today is the last day to place your orders.**

Mark your calendar for these upcoming meetings.

09/11/25 at 10:00am	Congregational Care Meeting	Library
09/22/25 at 5:30pm	Personnel and Nominations	Library
09/29/25 at 5:00pm	CDC Board Meeting	Library

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Rachel Wood, Music Ministries
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries
Kindal Gammill, Pianist***