

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word
September 21, 2025 | 11:00AM

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“In the Garden”

arr. Cook

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Hopson

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise***

“Christ Is the World’s Light”

No. 188 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

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 Congregational Hymn***

“Kum Ba Yah”

No. 494 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“The Lighthouse”

arr. Mauldin

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

****The Psalter***

Psalms 100

No. 821

****The Prayer for Illumination***

****The Scripture Lesson***

Matthew 26:36-39

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want.”

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

The Sermon

“If God and Jesus Are the Same, Who Hears Jesus’ Prayers?”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

No. 881

****The Gloria Patri***

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

No. 189 (vs. 1,4)

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 Benediction***

“Go in Peace”

Hopson

****Postlude***

“Like a River Glorious”

arr. Cook

***The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
Charles and Marjorie McGlohn
by Betsy McGlohn.***

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glad You Asked! (Sermons) – Each Sunday this fall, Br. Chad will be preaching a question in response to a question asked by a member of the congregation. If you'd like to engage a little more deeply with the questions, there are notebooks available for you to think through the questions to prepare for and reflect on the sermons.

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, or affirm the sermon or to ask questions about it. There are also some questions that we won't have time to address on Sunday mornings that we will consider together on Wednesday nights. We'll start each Wednesday at 5:30 and would love to learn with you.

Mums for Missions - We are now taking orders for mums. One gallon is \$10 and a three gallon is \$20. Yellow, bronze, white, red and lavender are the colors available. Call the church office at 662-494-1658 to place your order. Deadline to order is Sunday, September 28. Pick up will be Saturday, October 4 from 9-11 a.m. at the Bryan Youth Center. All proceeds will go toward our next mission trip in 2026.

Church Picnic - Our church picnic will be held Sunday, September 28, at Waverly Waters Pavilion immediately following the church service. We will be serving hotdogs, and we need volunteers to sign up to provide other items. **Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.**

WPHS Football Team Meal - We need a few crockpots to cook hot dogs Wednesday for our WPHS football team meal. If you are willing to let us use yours, please bring it to the church by Tuesday or contact Stacy and she can pick it up. We will also need volunteers to help wrap the hot dogs and pack the bags. Contact Stacy if you can help.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming meetings.

09/22/25 at 5:30pm	Personnel and Nominations	Library
09/29/25 at 5:00pm	CDC Board Meeting	Library
10/06/25 at 5:30pm	Leadership Council Meeting	Library

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