

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Word

November 16, 2025 | 11:00AM

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“He Hideth My Soul” arr. Cook

The Introit

“Praise and Thanksgiving” Alsatian Round

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise***

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” No. 581 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

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***

“For the Healing of the Nations” No. 428 (vs. 1, 2)

The Stewardship Witness

Bob Seitz

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” 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***

Revelation 21:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Special Music

“God Bless America” arr. Allen

Gary Echols and Rachel Wood

The Sermon

“What Is Heaven?”

Dr. Ricky James, Guest Pastor

RESPONDING IN FAITH

****The Apostles’ Creed***

No. 881

****The Gloria Patri***

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“We Gather Together” No. 131 (vs. 1, 2)

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***

“Grace, Love, and Fellowship” Fetteke

****Postlude***

“Rock of Ages” arr. Cook

***The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
Mrs. Martha Stevens Morches
by Harry and Andrea Stevens.***

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Meal - Our annual church-wide Thanksgiving meal will be held today Nov. 16th, following the church service. Please join us for this special meal.

Wednesday Communion – Wednesday Communion will be paused until Wednesday, December 3rd.

Judy Shirley Circle – The Judy Shirley Circle will meet Monday, November 17th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Anna Dill, Donna Cook and Gail Foote. We will study chapter 7 in our book *Twelve Ordinary Men* and prepare cards for the College Connection. We hope everyone can attend.

Poinsettias - The Judy Shirley Circle will be selling poinsettias to raise funds for their mission projects. The cost is \$20.00, and the deadline for purchase will be December 1st. To place your order, please sign up on the order form in the back of the sanctuary or contact Gail Foote.

Christmas Treats for Shut-ins - Each December with our Christ at Home meal, we deliver small casseroles, desserts and other treats to our church Loaves and Fishes and Christ at Home lists. If you would like to help with this project, contact Stacy. We will need to have them in the church kitchen by 9 am Wednesday, Dec 3. You may also bring them any time before then, and we can place them in the freezer. We currently have 15 church members who will receive these treats.

Choir Christmas Program – The choir Christmas program will be Sunday, December 14th, at 2:00 pm. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the program. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings

All meetings will be held in the library.

11/17/25 at 4:00pm CDC Board

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