

***Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word
July 26, 2026 at 11:00am***

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

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

The Introit

“Baptized in Water” Traditional Gaelic Melody

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise***

“Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God” No. 604 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

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***

“This Is the Day” No. 657

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Jesus Loves Me” arr. Cook

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Children’s Moments

****The Prayer for Illumination***

see insert

****The Scripture Lesson***

2 Corinthians 5:11-15

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“The Savior Is Waiting” arr. Bock

The Sermon

“Baptism: A New Beginning”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

****The Hymn of Response***

“Christ from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 550 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

****The Apostles’ Creed***

No. 881

****The Gloria Patri***

SENDING FORTH

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“God Be with You till We Meet Again” No. 672 (v. 1)

****The Choral Benediction***

“I’ve Just Come from the Fountain” arr. Capers

****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.

****Postlude***

“Higher Ground” arr. Cook

***The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
Arthur Dean Strobel (Art)
by Mary and all the family.***

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Backpacks - We will bless our children's backpacks on Sunday, August 2nd, at the 11:00 service. All children are invited to bring their backpacks to church that morning.

School Supply Drive – We will hold our annual school supply drive beginning August 2nd. We have a box at the back of the sanctuary for you to place your donations, or you may order directly from Amazon and have the items sent directly to the church. The school supplies will be placed in our Blessing Box.

Annual Rummage Sale – We will accept items for the rummage sale through July 31. Please bring items to the Fellowship Hall and leave them at the table by the door. We will place items in the proper place. The rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00am until noon.

Wednesday Bible Study – Join us for our final Wednesday morning Bible study The Way of Salvation on July 29 at 11:00am in the Wesley Fellowship Classroom.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in the church library

July 28 at 6:00pm – Leadership Council
August 17 at 4:30pm – CDC Board Meeting

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

5:00pm Revive Study Group

Wednesday

11:00am Mid-Week Bible Study (Library)
12:00pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30pm UMYF (Bryan Youth Center)

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Rachel Wood, Music Ministries
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