

***Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word and Table
August 2, 2026 at 11:00am***

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“I Surrender All”

arr. Cook

The Introit

“Victory in Jesus”

arr. Mauldin

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise***

“How Great Thou Art”

No. 77 (vv. 1, 4)

The Third-Grade Bible Presentation

The Blessing of the Backpacks

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Peace Like a River with Amazing Grace”

arr. Raney

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

****The Prayer for Illumination***

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

****The Scripture Lesson***

Matthew 28:11-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

“Baptism: Mission Critical”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

****The Hymn of Response***

“Here I Am, Lord”

No. 593 (vv. 1, 3)

The Invitation to Holy Communion

No. 12

The Confession and Pardon

No. 12

The Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

No. 13

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

The Prayer after Communion

SENDING FORTH

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“Pass It On”

No. 572 (vv. 1, 3)

****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 Postlude***

“Just As I Am”

arr. Berry

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Supply Drive – Our annual school supply drive for our Blessing Box begins today, August 2nd. Place your donations in the box in the back of the sanctuary or purchase from Amazon and have the items sent to the church.

Annual Rummage Sale (August 8 from 7am – noon)– We are no longer accepting donations for our rummage sale. During the week, we can use your help pricing items, and, on Saturday, you can assist with the sale. If you can help, please let Julie or Stacy know.

Communion Offering – Our Communion offering today will go to Contact Helpline which provides telephone crisis intervention and is an initial point of contact for the entire range of available community resources. Contact Helpline is also committed to providing daily calls to the elderly or senior citizens who live alone in Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Monroe, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston counties.

Confirmation Sunday (August 16) – We will host a luncheon after church to honor our confirmands. The entire church is invited to attend. Please use the list at the back of the sanctuary to sign-up to bring food.

Wednesday Night Meal & Discipleship – Our regular Wednesday Night programming for all ages will resume on Wednesday, August 12. The meal will begin at 5:15pm and programming will begin at 6:00pm.

Back to School Swim Parties – On August 5, the Helvestons will host the children and the Wallaces will host the youth for swim parties to celebrate the return to school. Transportation from the church will depart at 5:30pm for both parties. Contact the church office for further details.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in the church library

August 17 at 4:30pm – CDC Board

August 25 at 6:00pm – Leadership Council

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

5:00pm Revive Study Group

Wednesday

11:00am Mid-Week Study

12:00pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

5:30pm Swim Parties for Children and Youth

***First United Methodist Church
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***Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ken Pickens, Pastor to Youth
Rachel Wood, Minister of Music
Stacy Hays, Director of Family Ministries
Seth Matlock, Pianist***