

***Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word and Table
September 6, 2026 at 11:00am***

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“Come Thou Almighty King” arr. Berry

The Introit

“God of the Ages” Warren (v.1)

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise***

“God of Grace and God of Glory” No. 577 (all verses)

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. Wood
Rachel Wood, soloist

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Children’s Moments

****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***

1 Samuel: 2:12-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

“Samuel: Scoundrels for Priests”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

****The Hymn of Response***

“Take My Life and Let It Be” No. 399 (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***

“Lead On, O King Eternal” No. 580 (all verses)

****The Choral Benediction***

“God of the Ages” Warren (v. 4)

****The Postlude***

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” arr. Berry

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fish Fry and Mid-Week Worship – On the evening of Wednesday, September 16, we will host a fish fry and mid-week worship service in lieu of our regular Wednesday night activities. Please join us and bring a friend. A sign-up sheet for desserts is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Courtyard Clean-up – A group is organizing to do some landscaping and beautification around the church. If you'd like to help prune, weed or plant, contact Vic Johnson.

Mums for Missions – Order your Mums by **September 27**. Yellow, bronze, white, red and lavender colors are available. One-gallon plants are \$10; three-gallons are \$20. Make your order through the church office. Mums will be available for pick up on Wednesday, October 14, at the Bryan Youth Center. The pickup time will be announced later. Proceeds support the mission trip to El Salvador.

New Upper Rooms – The new *Upper Room Daily Devotional Guides* are in. They are located on a table at the back of the sanctuary and on the table as you enter the church. Please take one.

Labor Day Office Closure – The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, for Labor Day. There will be no newsletter on Tuesday, September 8.

Communion Offering – Today's Communion offering will go to the Dream Center Golden Triangle to support their work to ensure that children in the area have beds to sleep in at night.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in the church library

September 21 at 4:30pm – CDC Board
September 22 at 6:00pm – Leadership Council

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

5:00pm Revive Study Group

Wednesday

11:00am ~~Morning Bible Study~~ (cancelled this week)

12:00pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

5:15pm Wednesday Night Meal – All Ages Welcome (FH)

6:00pm Small Groups
(Youth Fellowship, Lighthouse Kids, Adults)

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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