

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word
September 13, 2026 at 11:00am

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“This Is My Father’s World” arr. Berry

The Introit

“God of Ages” Warren (v. 1)

The Invocation

****The Opening Hymn***

“All Creatures of Our God and King” No. 62 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

****The Canticle of Faithfulness*** No. 125

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.

****Congregational Hymn***

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 140 (v. 1)

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Berry

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Children’s Moments

****The Scripture Lesson***

Matthew 18:21-35

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“The Lily of the Valley” arr. Larson

The Sermon

“Power to Release” Rev. Andy Ray

RESPONDING IN FAITH

****Prayer of Confession***

****The Hymn of Response***

“I Need Thee Every Hour” No. 397 (vv. 1, 5)

****The Apostles’ Creed*** No. 881

****The Gloria Patri***

SENDING FORTH

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“Freely, Freely” No. 389 (all verses)

****The Choral Benediction***

“God of the Ages” Warren (v. 4)

****Postlude***

“Lift High the Cross” arr. Berry

The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
my aunt, Mrs. Martha Winters,
and her sister, Mrs. Mary Patterson,
by Mr. Charles Patterson.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fish Fry and Mid-Week Worship – This Wednesday, September 16, we will host a fish fry and mid-week worship service in lieu of our regular Wednesday night activities. The fish fry will begin at 5:15 p.m. followed by the worship service at 6:00 p.m. Please join us and bring a friend.

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

Lifeline Screening - Life Line Screening will be in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, October 5, to screen for chronic diseases such as atherosclerosis, peripheral arterial disease, or other vascular conditions. Pre-registration is required.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in the church library

September 21 at 4:30pm – **CDC Board**
September 22 at 6:00pm – **Leadership Council**
October 25 at 3:30pm – **Charge Conference**

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

5:00pm Revive Study Group

Wednesday

11:00am Mid-Week Study

12:00pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

5:15pm Fish Fry – All Ages Welcome (FH)

6:00pm Mid-Week Worship – All Ages

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Rev. Dr. Ken Pickens, Pastor to Youth
Rachel Wood, Minister of Music
Stacy Hays, Director of Family Ministries
Seth Matlock, Pianist