

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word
September 27, 2026 at 11:00am

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“Come Holy Spirit Dove Divine” arr. Berry

The Introit

“God of the Ages” Warren (v. 1)

The Invocation

****The Opening Hymn***

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” No. 64 (vv. 1, 3, 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.

****Congregational Hymn***

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” No. 328

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Depth of Mercy” arr. Berry

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Children’s Moments

Jessi Sugg

****The Scripture Lesson***

1 Samuel 4:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Here I Am, Lord” arr. McDonald

The Sermon

“Samuel: The Ark of the Covenant”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

****Prayer of Confession***

No. 891

****The Hymn of Response***

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” No. 514 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

****The Apostles’ Creed***

No. 881

****The Gloria Patri***

SENDING FORTH

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“Take Time to Be Holy” No. 395 (vv. 1, 4)

****The Choral Benediction***

“God of the Ages” Warren (v. 4)

****Postlude***

“Come Thou Almighty King” arr. Berry

The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
Mary Margaret Case
by the Bill Atkins Family.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mums for Missions – Order your Mums by **TODAY, 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.

Blessing of the Animals – Blessing of the Animals will be **Sunday, October 4th**, at the Harrell Chapel at 5:30pm. Bring your animals to be blessed by Brother Chad, and please have them on a leash or in a crate.

Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic - Our worship service and church picnic will be held Sunday, October 11, at 11:00 a.m. at Waverly Waters. There will be **NO** choir practice or Sunday School on this day. The church service will begin at 11:00 a.m., and lunch will follow the service. We will be having barbeque, and we need volunteers to sign up to provide other items. **Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.**

Life Line 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in the church library

October 12 at 10:00 a.m. – **Worship Committee**
October 19 at 4:30 p.m. – **CDC Board**
October 19 at 6:00 p.m. – **Leadership Council**
October 25 at 3:30 p.m. – **Charge Conference**

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

5:00pm Revive Study Group

Wednesday

11:00am Morning Bible Study

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