

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: Jason Johnson

Christ's Light

Introit

"Listen Jesus Is Calling You"

**(Please stand as you are able)*

*Call to Worship

We gather to worship a God who heals.

We gather to worship a God who saves.

May God heal us especially of those spiritual weaknesses that keep us from being true disciples.

May God lead us into spiritual sight, that we may see and walk Christ's way.

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" vs. 1,2 #694

Opening Prayer

O God, in our time of worship, and throughout the hours of our days, remain at the center of our thoughts and actions. When all that we do seems to fly off in scattered bits and pieces as our lives spin on, draw us back to you. Hold us together as individuals and as a community of faith. In our looking outward into time and toward your creation, enable us to focus our hopes and to hit the mark when we aim to do your will. Be for us a home base, a center of gravity, a balance point and a source of loving support through Christ Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

Blessing of the Layette Kits

The Psalm, Psalm 104: 1-13, 24-25 #826 Liturgist: Mary Thoman

Anthem "It's A Gift To Be Simple" (choir) Renata Knox, Director

Children's Moment:

Gwydotta Ukens

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

Sermon "A Story of Learning to See" **Pastor Melanie Adams**

Response "You are Mine" #2218

Time of Prayer

(Where have you seen God's presence? What joys and concerns are in your hearts and minds?)

Lord's Prayer #895

Offertory

The Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #94

*Offertory Prayer [Unison]

Our hearts are full of gratitude to you, Loving God, for all your blessings. We dedicate these gifts, as well as our hearts, to the glory of your Kingdom on earth. May our generosity help others to know that your love is real and that it is for them, too. Amen.

Reception of New Members

David Brewer, Lisa Brewer, Lisa Valcoure

***Closing Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" vs. 1,2 #451

Our Purpose

What is our purpose? **To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!**

Benediction

Benediction Response

"Spirit Song"

Postlude

UPDATED 740 Prayer Initiative

(Thank you for stepping up your prayers for our congregation! Set your phones to remind yourself to stop at 7:40 am and/or 7:40 pm each day to pray for our church and the mission and ministry we are called to do. Where did we come up with the number 740? It is our street address number. If you can't pray at 7:40, choose another time. The important thing is that we are praying!)

Scriptures for prayer: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up" Galatians 6:9.

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us" Ephesians 3:20.

Please pray that God continues to work in our hearts and through the work of our hands so that others may also come to experience Christ's love. Pray that God would lead us and equip us for the living out of our purpose (what we repeat at the end of each service). And pray that God help each of us to be a follower of Christ committed to living a life of worship & hospitality, a life of opening our heart to the Holy Spirit, and a life of service & generosity. Pray for those who are seated around you in worship, whether you know them by name or not. Remember to lift up the need of our community and world. Pray the news: as you listen to the news of each day pray about each situation.

Give thanks to God! "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

PRAYERS

Please see the Prayer Board outside the office for ongoing prayer requests.

Pray for our congregation: For the ministry of making, nurturing, and sending out of disciples; because we believe that God's Love is the answer for the most difficult questions of our world today.

Jesus changes lives!

Lucille Blecha
Larry Bowman
Gerald Campbell
Emily Sporer
Bill Valcoure



Sunday, December 9th
Caroling

Sunday, December 16th
Christmas Program
Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Monday, December 24th
5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

Events this week in church:

Sunday, November 18th

Mission Buckets

- 9:30 am Sunday school
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship
- 11:30 am Healthy Congregations

Monday, November 19th

- 5:30 pm ADCO

Wednesday, November, 21st

Church Office Closes at Noon
No Table Talk or Sittin' With Jesus

Thursday, November 22nd

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 23rd

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 25th

- 9:30 am Sunday school
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship

THANKSGIVING DINNER

240 people enjoyed an amazing dinner last Sunday. Huge thanks to everyone that helped to make the day a great success.



ANNUAL COOKIE DAY
Saturday, December 1



9:00 am



*a Place
for You*

BELONG • BELIEVE • BECOME

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