

The men meet for breakfast every third Saturday of each month at **8:00 a.m.** October's gathering will take place **this Saturday, the 17th,** and the women are invited as well. **Please note:** The time for October's gathering **has been changed to 9:00 a.m.**

Next Sunday we will be **celebrating Baptism.** The Reverend Richard Parker will be leading worship.

The church office will be **closed** for Darlene's final week of holidays October 19-23.

Council Meeting – Monday, October 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Committee - would greatly appreciate yarn donations.

Christian Library – There is now a collection of Christian books in the cabinet in the Narthex. Feel free to browse, borrow, take and share them at your leisure. If you would like to add to the collection, please ensure the books are Christian.

OUTREACH

If you would like to **help out in any way** with the Outreach Program, please call 289-385-1462 and speak to one of our volunteers.

The committee is once again in need of **reusable cloth grocery bags.**

Entrance to the church via the back parking lot doors **will be locked at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.** If you arrive late, please enter the church via the front doors.

Please avoid using the side door ("school door") on Sunday mornings or after hours when using the church for committee meetings/Bible study, etc. When locking up the church, please check the side door as well.

A reminder to please arrive at church "scent free".

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Thanksgiving Sunday

October 11, 2026

Susan Pleasance
Anthony Alexander B Mus.
Mary Bellinger

Lay Worship Leader
Music Facilitator
Song Leader

*indicates those who are able to please stand

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (responsive)

(adapted from Gathering-Pentecost 2-2026. By Whitney Bruno, pg. 30. Used with permission.)

L: We were made in God's love. Jesus came to teach us God's love.
The Spirit of God abides with us, fueling our love.

ALL: **In love, we light this candle recalling how we all begin in love,
live in love, and continue in love – for God is love.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

(adapted from Gathering-Pentecost 2-2023. by Weaskiwin Writes, pg. 43. Used with permission.)

L: In the songs of birds and the warmth of sunshine,
P: **We welcome the presence of God.**
L: In the fields of grain, growing gardens, and flowers blooming,
P: **We welcome the presence of God.**
L: In the wave of a neighbour and the phone call of a friend,
P: **We welcome the presence of God.**
L: In the bustle of the day and the quiet of the evening,
P: **We welcome the presence of God.**
L: In the word we do and the games we play,
P: **We welcome the presence of God.**
L: In the lessons we have learned and the opportunities to come,
P: **We welcome the presence of God.**
L: In the memories we hold and the love we have known,
P: **We welcome the presence of God.**
L: Come, let us worship in the presence of God.

CHORAL INTROIT

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

*PRAYER OF APPROACH (responsive)

(from Gathering – Pentecost 2 -2026, by Barbara Johns, pg. 43. Used with permission.)

L: Let us pray: O God we come before you

P: to give thanks

L: for the wonders of your creation;

P: to give thanks

L: for the reassuring touch of loved ones;

P: to give thanks

L: for the tantalizing aroma of home cooking;

P: to give thanks

L: for the joyous sounds of children laughing;

P: to give thanks

L: for your presence in the shadowed times.

**P: We who are so blessed come in gratitude to offer our
communal prayer for the limitlessness of your love that fills us
with the very breath of life.**

L: Gracious God, we give you our thanks. Amen.

*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

(adapted from Taught By Love – Year A. by Lavon Bayler, pg.166.Used with permission)

**O God, we come seeking to renew our awareness of you in every
moment of every day. We confess our forgetfulness of your love, our
unkindness to your children, our misuse of the bodies and minds
you have entrusted to us. Despite your generosity, we have sowed
sparingly for the sake of others. O God, we need your forgiveness.
Awaken our thankfulness as we learn to fully appreciate all you
have provided. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM *Give Thanks* by Henry Smith

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CONVERSATION FOR ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

SCRIPTURE Luke 17: 11-19

*HYMN *Come, You Thankful People, Come*

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MESSAGE

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God*

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

384(HFG)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

(adapted from Prayers to Share-Year A. by David Sparks, pg 201. Used with permission.)

**Your gifts are so overwhelming, so diverse, so graciously given, O
God, that our hearts overflow with thanksgiving. What we offer in
return is so small, so much a simple token; but we ask you bless
these gifts, and to bless their use, that those close at hand and those
far away will feel your compassionate and hopeful presence. Our
offerings are presented in the name of Jesus, your perfect gift.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN *We Plough the Fields*

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COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

681(HFG)

POSTLUDE

*If you are visiting with us for the first time this morning, welcome!
It is no longer our custom to pass around the offering plate. The plate
is kept at the front of the church, just inside the door, and offering
envelopes are available in the pews. All donations are greatly
appreciated and help to keep the heart of this sacred place beating with
God's love, grace, and generosity.*

Happy Birthday to Donna Wilson, who celebrates today ☺

Tuesday evening Bible Study will be held here at the church from 7 –
8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring your Bible.