



Tuesday Morning
6:45 am – Prayer Group at Warehouse 319
8:30 am - 9:30 am – Prayer Breakfast
in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 am - 10:30 am – Senior Pastor's Bible Study in the Tex Ergle Building, 4th Avenue Classroom. Please enter on the 4th Avenue side of the building.

Tuesday Evening
5:30 pm – Chancel Choir Practice in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday Night Life

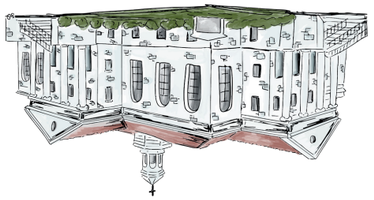
We are celebrating Thanksgiving together with a church-wide potluck at 5 pm. Please check with your ministry leader for children and youth ministry changes.

Schedule Changes
11-25-26 – There will be no Wednesday Night Life. Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you to the church staff and congregation for your prayers, love, and support over the past six months. I am especially grateful for the beautiful flowers sent following my father's passing. Your kindness has meant more than words can express, and I am blessed to be part of such a loving church family. *- Cara*

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Council of Stewards Meetings
November 15th
December 13th
In the Fellowship Hall after the Traditional service.

Thanksgiving Potluck
November 18th at 5:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

Holy Spirit and Prayer Workshop
November 21st
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Children's Night Out/ Christmas Program Practice
December 11th
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Give Online

Your gifts make ministry possible. Scan the QR code to give securely online.

In-Person Attendance
November 8, 2026.....292
November 1, 2026.....312

General Fund Giving
Last Week.....$14,385.00
YTD.....$1,014,175.06

Includes all online giving received as of November 10, 2026

The Parable of the Talents and John Wesley

We are all familiar with the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25:14-30. We learn that God has entrusted to each of us gifts and abilities in differing measures, and we are expected to use them faithfully for His glory. John Wesley instructs us to "Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. . . Above all sing spiritually."

Singing is a talent, a gift from God. It should be invested for the Master's good and offers a great reward to the faithful servant. The one who hides or buries his talent risks the reprimand of the master for failing to use what has been entrusted to him or her.

In a similar way, the gifts of our congregation should not be hidden away. Not only is your talent wanted; it is needed. Our church enjoys a long history of musical excellence that preceded me by many years. These labors offered to God the best efforts and entrusted gifts, which filled the air with sounds as holy as incense and as significant as any contribution we make.

I do not take lightly the glorious setting that we enjoy each Sunday. We are surrounded by beauty and light that lift the spirit and console the heart. We seek to join the cloud of witnesses who came before us and commune with each other through the beauty of sound.

You may have gathered that this message is an invitation for worshipers to become more active participants in the music ministry of the church. Sunday morning is not a concert for our entertainment or recognition. It is humble worship that returns to God a portion of the gift He has given to us. I consider it to be an act of obedience and a tithe.

God may be calling you to invest your gift within the music of the church. Return to Him that talent with interest for His glory. I hope that many of you will prayerfully consider this call to join us and use your voice as an offering to God.

– John

Wednesday Night Announcements

November 18, 2026: EPIC 456 and JFMC Kids will participate in a special mission project following supper.

November 25, 2026: There will be no Wednesday Night Life activities in observance of Thanksgiving. We wish everyone a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving filled with gratitude, love, and time with family and friends!

Celebration Service

November 15, 2026
8:30 a.m. Service

The Epistle Reading* 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 ESV

The Gospel Reading* Luke 17:11-19 ESV

Sermon Pastor James Johnson

Order of Worship

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Call to Worship* Suzanne Snow, Liturgist
Inspired by Psalm 103:1–5 and Psalm 100

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being,
praise his holy name.

We will not forget the good things God has done.

He forgives our sins and heals our diseases.

He lifts us from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion.

Like the ten who cried out on the road,
we have called to Jesus for mercy.

**And like the one who returned,
we come back to give thanks.**

Faith reaches out to Christ; gratitude falls at his feet.

Lord, increase our faith, and make us a thankful people.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
for the Lord is good, and his love endures forever!**

Announcements Eli Matthews, Youth Minister

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Payne and Mary Miller.

Prelude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" R. Hobby

Processional Hymn* "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" 89

Pastoral Welcome and Opening Prayer

The Passing of the Peace*

Hymn* "This Is My Father's World" 144

Offering Our Prayers to God
Preparation for Prayer
And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Arranged by Joel Raney
Carol Johnson, flautist & Becki Stallsmith, pianist

Doxology*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Apostles' Creed* 882
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Gloria Patri* 70

The Epistle Reading* 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 ESV

The Children's Message Dismissal to Children's Church with Shannon Day, Children's Minister

Anthem "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" R. Haan

The Gospel Reading* Luke 17:11-19 ESV
The Word of God
And we believe it.

Sermon Rev. James C. Johnson, Jr.

Hymn of Invitation* "O How I Love Jesus" 170

Benediction*

Choral Benediction*
I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land;
Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land!

Postlude* "Old Hundredth" D. Buck

* Please Stand as able

Ushers – *Jeff Ferrell, Marcus O'Mary, Scott Thornley, & Shane Weber*
Acolytes – *Lillian Jackson & Brock Dunagan*
Liturgist – *Suzanne Snow*
Greeters – *Lola O'Mary & Cherie Woodard*