

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn of Commissioning There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit No. 408

*Benediction

Postlude
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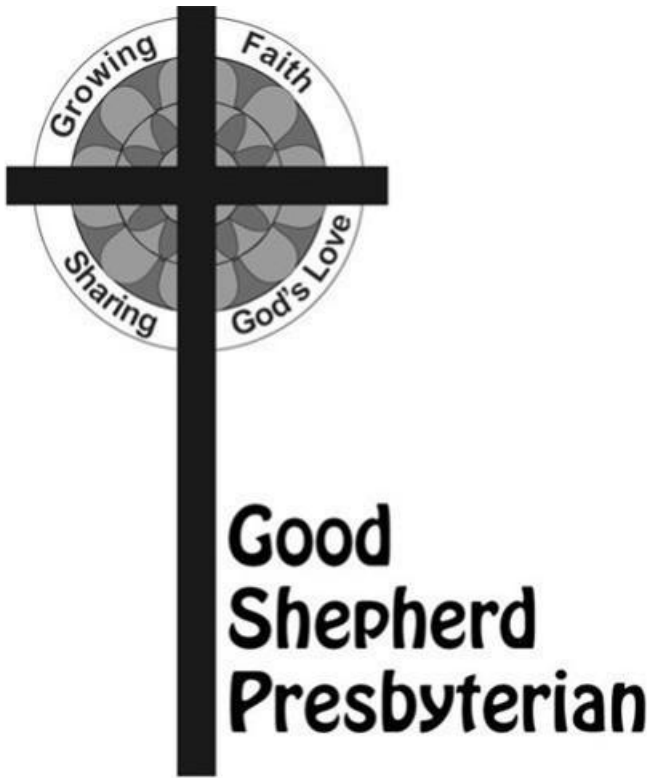
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September 20, 2026

Sunday Order of Worship
11:00 am

We are a community of believers, sharing God’s love, in worship
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The marks of this life are:
Pray daily;
Worship weekly;
Enjoy spiritual friendships;
Read and study the Scriptures;
Engage in service in and beyond the church;
Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and
Practice generosity with one’s time, talent, and money.

* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

God of covenant, You promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. **For sight impaired worshipers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

Minute for Mission

Stewardship

Cindy Hurst

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: We have gathered to praise our gracious God.
People: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Leader: We will give thanks to You, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.
People: We will be glad and exult in You; we will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

*Hymn of Praise

Blessed Assurance

No. 839

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, You made us in Your image, with a mind to know You, a heart to love You, and a will to serve You. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into Your likeness. In Your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Grace

Leader: God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
People: For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
—Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1, NIV

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-13

Pew Bible page 829

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:13-16

Pew Bible page 683

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon

Don’t Blend In

Eric Etheridge

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

There is a Balm in Gilead

No. 792

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer

Mike Thorpe

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering