

July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

ALL:

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Leader:

"Who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

ALL:

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Celebration Hymnal No. 409

Thanks to God, Whose Word was Spoken

*Prayer of Invocation

Dear God, please give us a humble heart to yield to your instructions at all times, so that we can prosper. Help us to obey you and let us be flexible for Holy Spirit's guidance. Let us follow when you lead, and let us be willing to receive your blessings that you make available through your Word. Help us to show ourselves approved and strengthen our faith by the study of your scriptures. For in the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Scripture Reading

2 Peter
1:16-21

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Sermon

Is the Bible True?

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Celebration Hymnal No. 413

Pastoral 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 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.*

*Hymn of Going Forth

Thy Word

Celebration Hymnal No. 184

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Make Us One
Make us one Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit, make us one
Let our love flow, so the world will know
We are one in you; we are one in you.

Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Scripture: Romans 3:21-26

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our

Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”

18 We ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

20 Knowing this first of all that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation.

21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:16–21 (ESV)

Hebrews 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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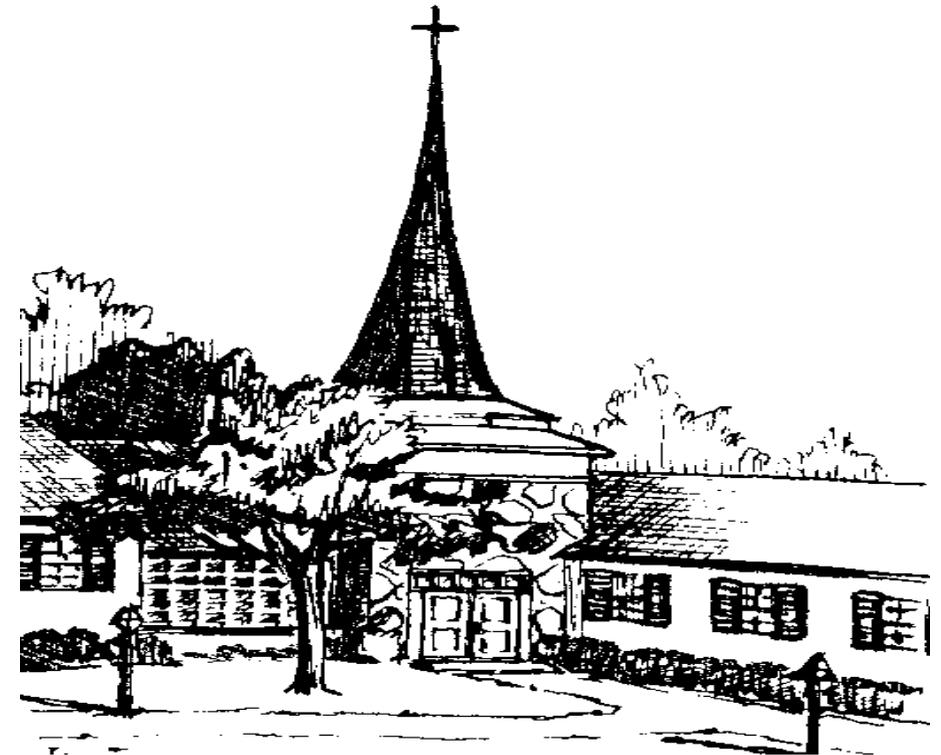
The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME!

Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.



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