Called Congregational Meeting

Today, October 25, 2026, we will hold a Called Congregational meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and act upon the report from the Church Officer Nominating Committee.

ELDER:		**TRUSTEE:**	
Sue Bohmer	_____	Matthew Armstrong	____
Susan Farmer	_____		
Taylor Hammer	_____		
Elna Singleton	_____		
Jan Sloan	_____		
Carolyn Yaden	_____		
McKenzie Aynes (Youth Elder)	_____		

FLOWERS

The flowers were given to the glory of God by Victor and Karen Carboni in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, October 25 – Dedication Sunday
- 7:30 a.m. – Men's Council Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. – Called Congregational Meeting to vote on Church Officers
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, October 26
- 7:00 p.m. – Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. – E.S.P. Workgroup will meet in the Crossroads Classroom

Tuesday, October 27
- 7:15 p.m. – Joint Officer Stated Meeting in Genesis Classroom

Wednesday, October 28
- 2:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Advent Study in Crossroads Classroom
- 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day and Reformation Sunday
- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, November 2
- 7:00 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers

Tuesday, November 3
- 9:15 a.m. – Presbyterian Women – Morning Circle
- 7:00 p.m. – Presbyterian Women – Night Circle
- 7:00 p.m. – Committee on Committees will meet in Enquiry Classroom

Wednesday, November 4
- 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 8 – Remembrance Sunday
- 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. – Veterans Recognition
- 11:30 a.m. – Reception

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ryoji Shimpo, Director of Music Ministries/Organist & Pianist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus







GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 25, 2026

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Cover Picture

"All the World is a Stage" stated William Shakespeare. Today we will get a glimpse of the church at Thessalonica. In their own way this church gives us a picture of what the church today can be.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *??* Steven Scott

INTROIT *368* *We Fall Down* Chris Tomlin

We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus:
the greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 1:2; Psalm 66:1-3

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also, to you.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to God glorious praise. Say to God, "How Awesome are Your deeds! All the earth worships You; they sing praises to Your name."

*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE *(Hymn 581)*

**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. A—men. A—men.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

MOMENT FOR MISSION Stewardship

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-knowing God, Your Word is sharper than a two-edged sword. As we hear it read and preached today, may it pierce any walls that would keep us from hearing Your Word to us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Acts 17:1-4*

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus Whom I am proclaiming to you." Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *I Thessalonians 1:8*

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES *(11:00)*

Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

SERMON *Deep Grace* Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*HYMN 708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

OFFERTORY ?? arr. Don Phillips

Ryoji Shimpo, pianist

*DOXOLOGY *(Hymn 606)*

**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 †

*HYMN 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 741 *(vs14)* *Guide My Feet* African American Spiritual

Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

POSTLUDE *??* arr. Mark Hayes

Please be seated as the Postlude begins.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - John Futrell *(8:45)*; Susan Leake *(11:00)*

Deacon/Ushers † - Rodney VanSickle, John Brown,
and Taylor Hammer *(8:45);*
David Hammons, Bryan Sanders,
Taylor Hammer, and Sheila Hammer *(11:00)*

