



September 20, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR; ANNOUNCEMENTS; PASSING THE PEACE; PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

Leader: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

People: As we come into God's presence, the Spirit is speaking words of wisdom.

Leader: The Spirit calls us to kindness and peace. Wisdom calls us to service and love. Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 380 (Red Hymnal)

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

Unison

God, humble our hearts, even when we are proud. Call us back to service and love, even when our focus is lost in the pursuit of power and prestige. Remind us to be childlike in faith and to be faithful as your children. Cover us with your grace and unify us in your peace, that we may embrace your wisdom from above and your humility from below. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on 2 Timothy 1

Even in our doubt, God gives us a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. Even in our failure to find meaning, Christ gives us the gospel of truth. Even in our despair, the Spirit gives us treasure from heaven to strengthen us on our way. Rejoice in the mercy of our God.

Thanks be to God!

*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.

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

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PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

THE MORNING PRAYERS and 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.

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY - 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 THANKSGIVING

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 16:13-18 (Bible p.972)

Hebrews 10:23-25 (Bible p.1191)

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

["One Question Could Change Everything"](#)

*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.

*HYMN # 349 (Red Hymnal)

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

*BENEDICTION

We go now to serve ... welcoming every child we meet, loving every person we encounter, serving by all the means we can, in all the places we can, for however long we can. Amen.

POSTLUDE - (*) We stand as we are able.

Announcements:

1. Welcome Visitors. We're so glad you are here. Please fill out our Welcome/Prayer Requests Card located on the back of the pew and drop it in the Offering Plate. Please feel free to invite your family and friends to come and enjoy our loving and laughing Church family.
2. The flowers are given today by Melba Knight in memory of her parents, Thelma & Dan McDonald.
3. We will have our fellowship luncheon today immediately following worship.
4. The ladies will eat at Pit Stop on Thursday September 24th at 11:20 am.
5. Prayer List:
 - a. **Update:** Price Coarsey (nephew of Butch & Dela Coarsey)- was in a four-wheeler accident; Price is 11 years old and has been moved to Scottish Rites Children Hospital where he faces a long recovery.
 - b. John Barfield - minor health issues
 - c. Marc & Athelyn Buttrill (Cheryl Coker's parents) -minor health issues
 - d. Gail Dekle (the mother of Amyie Mathis) has been diagnosed with Stage 4 nonalcoholic Cirrhosis of the Liver. She is staying with Chad & Amyie.
 - e. Jim Hall (friend of the Cokers) - battling cancer
 - b. Shane Ferraro: (Bowyer's daughter, Peyton's best friend) has finished chemo for Stage 2 colon cancer and is awaiting scans.
 - c. Melissa Hughes - (Niece of Marlene Mathis) is undergoing treatment for Stage 4 metastatic bone cancer which has spread to her bones, liver and lungs.
 - d. Donnie Sumner - several health issues
 - e. Pray for those who have unspoken prayer requests that they find the answers and comfort they need.

Find Your Place

Church isn't just a place –
it's your people

Life is hard. You weren't meant to go
it alone. Worship with others. Hear
the Word. Grow your faith. Find your
purpose. It's time to come back – or
try it for the first time.
Life is better together!



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