

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost -
July 26, 2026**

THE CHURCH GATHERS

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

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls. The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us, who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow. This is our God! Let's worship Him together!

***HYMN # 469 (Blue Hymnal)**

Morning Has Broken

CONFESSION OF SIN

Unison

We confess that we have not always lived up to the example set by Your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess how difficult it is to truly love the people around us; to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own. You call us to turn away from the behaviors and attitudes of the world around us; and to be renewed and transformed by Your grace at work in our lives. Through Your Holy Spirit, continue the work that You have begun in us, so that our words and deeds may bring honor and glory to You.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . In him we have redemption and through his blood, we have the forgiveness of sins.

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

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

Psalm 37:1-11 (Bible p.552)

Matthew 5:5 (Bible p.958)

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"Blessed Are the Meek"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

based on The Beatitudes

We believe in the Kingdom of God, where the last are first and the humble are exalted. We trust that when we are poor in spirit, God provides the riches of heaven. We believe that those who mourn will find divine comfort, and the gentle will inherit the earth. We commit to hungering and thirsting for righteousness, trusting that God will fill us. We choose to extend mercy, knowing we have received it, and seek purity of heart so we may see God. We stand as peacemakers, claiming our identity as children of God. And though the world may reject us, we rejoice in the midst of persecution, for our reward is great in heaven. In life and in death, we belong to Christ. Amen.

***HYMN # 316 (Blue Hymnal)**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

***BENEDICTION**

May God grant you the peace of a gentle and quiet spirit. As you walk with humility and patience, may you be strengthened in knowing that the meek shall inherit the earth. Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek. Amen.

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

Announcements:

1. The flowers today are given by Melvin & Marlene Mathis to the Glory of God and in honor of Melvin & Marlene's daughter-in-law, Amyie Mathis and granddaughter Alivia Mathis Vassey who had birthdays this month; They are also in honor of the birth of their two great-granddaughters Whitley and Marleigh.

2. Sermon Series:

July 26 - "Blessed Are the Meek"
August 2 - "Blessed Are Those Who Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness"
August 9 - "Blessed Are the Merciful" (Communion)
August 16 - "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"
August 23 - "Blessed Are the Peacemakers"
August 30 - Guest minister
September 6 - "First Things First"
September 13 - "Blessed Are Those Persecuted"

3. Prayer List:

- a. **Update:** Ben Reeves (friend of Allen Boyd)- is now at home with many health issues but slowly making improvements.
- b. **New:** Gail Dekle (the mother of Amyie Mathis) fell and broke her back; she is at the Southwell rehab facility in Adel.
- b. **Shane Ferraro:** (Bowyers daughter, Peyton's best friend) currently undergoing chemo for Stage 2 colon cancer.
- c. **Melissa Hughes** - (Niece of Marlene Mathis) is undergoing treatment for Stage 4 metastatic bone cancer. Melissa is focused on spending quality time with her children and making memories with them. Pray for this mother of young children and her family as they seek comfort and understanding.
- d. **Diann Hall** (sister of Rodney Bennett)- has completed surgery and chemotherapy for cancer; doctors are optimistic that they got all the cancer.
- e. **Cleveland Shaw** - (the father of Biff & Cheryl's son-in-law) has a type of blood cancer
- f. **New:** Stacy Jones (our pianist) - will have diverticulitis surgery

Blessed are the meek.
For even when we have no courage,
the courage of facing the cross
becomes our courage.



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