

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God’s People

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and accolades.

P: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call.

L: Sometimes we find ourselves wishing for heaven without working to bring heaven to earth.

P: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to live righteously here and now.

L: Other times, we find ourselves exhausted by working for the gospel, wondering if anything we do is making a difference.

P: We remind one another to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call, leaning on Christ as the source of our perseverance and hope.

L: Beloved, God calls us not to escape this world but to build the kingdom of God in this place and in this time.

P: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to embody God’s mercy and justice as we build God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

Jesus Calls Us UMH 398

*Affirmation of Faith

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Dedication of Tithes and 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.*

Children’s Sermon

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem

Who at My Door Is Standing
Chancel Choir

Scott

Epistle Lesson Philippians 3:4-14

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Press onward”

Pastor Ryan

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Invitation and Dedication

A Charge to Keep I Have UMH 413

*Benediction

Disciples of Christ, may God bless you with perseverance, that together we may persist in following the way of Christ toward the heavenly call by embodying God’s mercy and justice here now. Amen.

*Congregational Choral Response

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

*Postlude

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Liturgist: Tara Armstrong

*Prayers for...*  
*Peace on earth and goodwill to all people.*  
*Our men and women serving in harm’s way.*  
*Neighbors served by our ministries.*

**our church family...** Bonnie House, Wanda Shambley, Verna Riley, Fred Dietrich, Brenda Grimes, Joe Hirsch, Ron Randolph, Neelie Dobbins, Sue Gregory, Bill Gibbs, Joan Coffey, Mari Weidmann Sutterfield, Tina Freeman, Joann Newcomb, Dick Newcomb, Earl Crumpler

**extended family...** Bobby Clayborn, Charlie Atkins, Greg Nettles, Jay Williams, Robyn Yarbrow, Willie Gibson, Elizabeth Rowlett, Anita Walker, Allen Dawson, James Louviere, Judy Bethea, Paige Carey, Chandler Mitchell, Jill Canfield, Jimmy Pickett

**homebound or assisted living ...**Joyce Mann, Danny Barnes, Sarah Shirey, Ruth Dempsey, Pat Beasley, Ann Ellen, Fay Kendrick, Pat Stringfellow

**South District Prayer Partner...** Wiley Chapel Ozan, AR

*Happy 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday to Ann Young on October 10<sup>th</sup>!!*

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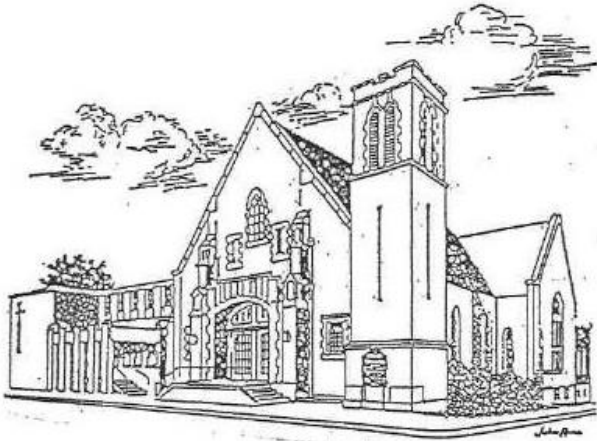
**This Week at Church**  
**Sunday, October 4, 2026**  
9:00am           Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am           Sunday School  
10:30am          Worship  
**Monday, October 5, 2026**  
9:00am           Food Pantry  
11:00am          Strong Women  
2:30pm           Great Hall Doors Open  
4:45pm           Sue’s Table  
6:00pm           Bible Study  
**Tuesday, October 6, 2026**  
8:30am           Preschool  
9:00am           Food Pantry  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2026**  
8:30am           Preschool  
11:00am          Strong Women  
Arkansas Foodbank Delivery  
6:30pm           Handbells  
7:30pm           Choir Practice  
**Thursday, October 8, 2026**  
8:30am           Preschool  
**Friday, October 9, 2026**  
9:00am           Food Pantry  
11:00am          Strong Women

The full worship service is broadcast on FM 97.1 on  
Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The Worship Service is available  
on our YouTube channel -

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*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**October 4, 2026**

*Following Jesus*  
*Loving People*