

September 8, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude "A Festive Peal" Handbell Choir
John Leavitt

**Call to Worship – Psalm 125:1-4 (CEB)

The people who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion: never shaken, lasting forever.

Mountains surround Jerusalem. That's how the LORD surrounds his people from now until forever from now!

The wicked rod won't remain in the land given to the righteous so that they don't use their hands to do anything wrong.

LORD, do good to people who are good, to people whose hearts are right.

**Opening Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH #548

Opening Prayer (unison)

We place our trust in you, O God, for your love and faithfulness are steadfast and true. Breathe your Holy Spirit into our worship and your very presence into our lives, that our love and faithfulness may be steadfast and true. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (v. 1-3) UMH #454

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

"True-Hearted, Whole Hearted" Carol Stewart
George C. Stebbins

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Through these gifts and offerings, bless your world, O God. Through our lives and our actions, bring love to your creation, that all may know your presence and live in your grace. Amen.

Ministry of Music

"Fantasy on 'Hyfrydol'" Handbell Choir
Hal H. Hopson

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon

"This, Not That" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" UMH #147

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"Be Thou My Vision" Carol Stewart
Traditional/Marilynn Ham



The Altar Flowers are given by Debi Hall in memory of her most treasured and dearest person, David Jones.

Scripture Reading – Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (CEB)

- 22** A good reputation is better than much wealth;
high esteem is better than silver and gold.
- 2** The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD made them both.
- 8** Those who sow injustice will harvest evil;
the rod of their fury will come to an end.
- 9** Happy are generous people,
because they give some of their food to the poor.
- 22** Don't steal from the poor, because they are poor.
Don't oppress the needy in the gate.
- 23** The LORD will take up their case
and press the life out of those who oppress them.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 8, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Greeters	Butch Smith, Bev Smith
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeek



Monday 9	Mary & Martha Gathering Boy Scouts	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	FCC FH 15C
Tuesday 10	Tuesday Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
Wednesday 11	Handbell Practice Choir Practice	6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Music Room Sanctuary
Thursday 12	Prayer Shawl Membership Care Stephen Ministry Training	11:00 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm	Parlor Parlor Library
Friday 13			
Saturday 14			
Sunday 15	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 8,11,CC16A, Parlor Narthex Sanctuary

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"The Way of Wisdom"
Scripture Lesson

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Proverbs 1: 20-33 (CEB)

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE: The Stephen Ministry Training Class is starting soon. If you have been wondering if this is a way for you to serve, contact Judy Mahan (937) 372-5711 or Becky Cultice (937) 376-5747 ASAP.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE will meet **Monday, Sep. 16 at 1:00pm in the Parlor**. DORCAS CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, Sep. 17 at 1:00pm in FH 15A**.

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IT'S KIT TIME: Festival of Sharing time is here. There are directions for School Kits and Hygiene Kits in the Narthex. FCUM will supply the school bags. We will be collecting filled kits **through Sunday, Sep. 22**. If you have any questions, please contact Scott or Carol (937) 372-1372.

FEES COVERED: If you are interested in participating in the Shawnee School Mentor Program and have not filled out a Mentorship form they are on the table in the narthex. Please note, when you go to the School District Central Office to obtain your background check, there will be no charge to you.

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