

# Confirmation Sunday

## May 18, 2025

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

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart  
"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" Peter Scholtes/Mark Hayes

Introit Chancel Choir  
"Let the Words of My Mouth" John Yarrington

\*\*Call to Worship  
The One who loves without distinction calls us here.  
**They will know we are Christians by our love.**  
The One who loves us completely welcomes us home.  
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The One who loves us well rejoices in our presence.  
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\*\*Opening Hymn  
"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (see insert)

Opening Prayer (unison)  
**Wipe away our tears, O God, for we are weary of weeping at the injustices of the world. You love us like a mother and protect us like a father. You restore our lives and claim us as your beloved children in a world made new. Dwell among us, we pray, that we may love one another, as you have loved us. Amen**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Spirit Song" UMH #347

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 Carol Stewart  
"O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Thomas J. Williams/John Innes

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of mystery, you promise us a life of blessedness, if only we would learn to love, as you have loved us. May the gifts we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to love one another well. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel Reading John 13:31-35

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir  
"In Christ Alone" Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

Sermon "From Love to Glory" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Confirmation Morgan Fleming, Catherine Mossing, Alainah Skaggs

\*\*Closing Hymn  
"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (v. 1,4,5) UMH #500

\*\*Sending Forth

Choral Benediction Chancel Choir  
"Let Your Light So Shine" John Yarrington

Postlude Carol Stewart  
"Love Medley" arr. by Lyndell Leatherman



*The Altar Flowers are given by Jim & Bonnie McPeck in honor of their 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 18.*

*The Altar Flowers are given by Jerry & Judy Mahan in honor of their 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 20.*

## Gospel Reading – John 13:31-35 (NIV)

<sup>31</sup> When he\* was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

\* Judas

### 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.



### Rev. Jeff Bandy

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## Confirmation Sunday, May 18, 2025

### Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Micah Fleming, Mike Tittle, Butch Smith
Greeters	Morgan Fleming, Catherine Mossing Alainah Skaggs
Liturgist	Elaine Hughes
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	CC 16A
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	SPRC	7:00 pm	Library
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## Refrain



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WORDS: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)  
MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

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