

May 31, 2026

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
"Holy, Holy, Holy" John B. Dykes/Melody Bober

**Call to Worship

In the beginning . . .

God created humanity, and asked us to care for all creation.

In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus . . .

Jesus showed us how to love as God loves.

In our time, and throughout eternity . . .

Jesus directs us to lead others to follow in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Opening Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" (v 1,2,4) UMH #568

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, in that first spark of creativity, you set the cosmos in motion. Time after time, your creative presence brings new life and hope as offered through your son, Jesus Christ. We experience your love through the ever-presence of your Holy Spirit, who was with you in the beginning, was with Christ throughout his ministry, and is with us to the end of the age. For your loving presence in all your infinite ways, we give you thanks. Amen

Children's Moments

Special Music Erika Stone, vocal solo
"He Said" Erika Stone

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.

Mongolia Mission Update

Offering/Offertory Carol Stewart
"Praise Ye the Triune God" Frederick F. Flemming/Norman Johnson

**Doxology "Bless Thou the Gifts" UMH #587

**Prayer of Dedication

Triune God, as we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts of time and resources, our service, and our witness, we are grateful to join in your creative acts to bring love and peace and hope to the world. Bless these offerings and those who give them to the glory of your name. Amen.

Special Music Erika Stone and Teri Gray, vocal duet
"The Promise" The Heritage

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon "A Jesus Directed Life" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (see insert)

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart
"The Gift Goes On" Ron Harris



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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.

A Jesus Directed Life



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

May 31, 2026 - Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Mike Tittle, Butch Smith, Micah Fleming
Greeters	Kirk Henning, Jane Henning
Liturgists	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart
Director of Music	Teri Gray
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



Monday 1	Prayer Ministry Partners	5:15 pm	Parlor
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15C
	Cub Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15A-B
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	OFFSITE
Tuesday 2	Walking	9:00 am	FCC
	Tuesday Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Congregational & Community Engagement	5:30 pm	Library
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Parlor
Wednesday 3			
Thursday 4	Walking	9:00 am	FCC
	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Library
	Woman's Club Luncheon	12:00 pm	FH 15A-B
Friday 5	Joandel Middleton Visitation	2:00 pm	Narthex
	Joandel Middleton Funeral Service	3:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Girl Scouts Overnight	6:00 pm	FCC, FH 15A, Kitchen
Saturday 6			
Sunday 7	Sunday School	9:00 am	Library, Parlor
	Hospitality Time	10:00 am	Narthex
	Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary

Sunday School Studies

Double I will meet in the Library, Leader Lucy Parsons, study of **"New Testament Characters"** by Carolyn Nystrom.

Open Doors will meet in the Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer, study of **"The History and Archaeology of the Bible"** by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, DLitt.

Next Sermon – Sunday, Jun. 7

Sermon "Call to Faith" Rev. Jeff Bandy
 Scripture Lesson Genesis 12: 1-9 (CEB)

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YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED THIS WEEK: Help is needed to put some mulch down around the church on **Tuesday, Jun. 2, please meet approx. 9:45am-10:00am.**

MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: Please join us for Mary & Martha on **Monday, Jun. 8, 6:00-8:00pm in the Community Center.** We have a special presentation for you from one of our own ladies, who is passionate about her involvement with a mission-driven, impact-focused and community-based organization! We will also have some other surprises for you! As always, bring a favorite dish to share. If you need childcare or have any questions call Laurie Krakowiak at 937-694-8114 or the church office at 937-372-7601.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE will meet on **Monday, Jun. 15 at 1:00pm in the Parlor.** All women are invited to attend. Thanks to everyone who purchased carnations for Mother's Day. DORCAS CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, Jun. 16 at 1:00pm in the Parlor.**

MEN OF FAITH: All Christian men are invited to join us **on Monday, Jun. 15 at 6:00pm in CC 16A.** Burgers and dogs burnt on the grill by Kirk again? Please bring a side dish to share. We will have a short Bible devotional from the book "God calls you to more". After the meeting we will have fellowship with board games and popcorn. Bring the game that you like to play with others. Look for reminder emails from ballcardkirk@gmail.com or ask to be added to the listing. The Garden of Sharing will be tended to this month. Come out and share some growth time with Men of Faith.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: This year Vacation Bible School will be held **on Saturday, Jun. 13, 9:30am-2:30pm.** The theme will be Faith that Floats and we need lots of volunteers to help... in person help, prayer warriors, & people to cut out or sort papers. Please see Carla Skaggs if you can help out with VBS.

SHOES 4 KIDS: The children will come in to be sized on **Saturday, July 25, 9:00-10:30am** and return on **Saturday, Aug. 15, 9:00-10:30am** to pick up their new shoes. This gives our congregation a chance to get involved by purchasing the shoes. We will have a "shoe tree" in the narthex on **Sunday, Aug. 2** and any shoes purchased can be brought to church on **Sunday, Aug. 9.** If you would like to volunteer on either of those Saturdays or have questions please call Sandy Pramer at (937) 307-3619.

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