THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 16, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name...

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Phil Springer

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(Take a moment to center yourself with this prayer)

Gracious and forgiving God, I release to you all the worries and fretful thoughts that occupy my mind. Let me lift my voice in praise of you. Let me be present to your Word in this hour of worship. Gather us all in the secure embrace of your Holy Spirit that we may hear your assuring guidance. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Be glad! Rejoice in all that God is creating. Welcome the new heaven and earth God has planned.

All: We worship God with great joy and delight. We welcome God's healing touch in our midst.

*OPENING HYMN "My Lord! What a Morning" #449

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We come into this sanctuary to replenish our faith through your grace. Our busy lives distract us minute by minute from conversations with you that sustain us in our Christian walk. Let us silently confess the emptiness of our souls and hearts and pray that you will again fill us with your love.

*SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

(verse 1)

#355

Singing: Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

. . . <u>to Proclaim God's Word</u>

FIRST READING Isaiah 65: 17-25 **p. 696**

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 p. 207

ANTHEM "For the Autumn Sky" **Choir**

GOSPEL READING Luke 21: 5-19 p. 85

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Never Tire of Doing What is Right"

Pastor Judy Sibley

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #379

... to Give Thanks to God ...

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #592

Singing: 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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer ourselves to you, O God, through the gifts we place before you today. We give thanks for all the ways you have blessed us. We cannot repay you for our lives, our minds, the beauty of earth and sky, the abundance of recourse that we enjoy. But we can respond with acts of gratitude and kindness, with generosity and thanksgiving. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our 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.

... and to Be Sent in God's Name

*CLOSING HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #551

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vv. 1-2) #438

Singing: Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,

Our comforts and our cares.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. Nov. 17	Easy Does It Exercise Handbells Session	10:00 AM 6:00PM 7:00 PM
Tues. Nov. 18	Prayer Ministry	12:00 PM
Wed. Nov. 19	Easy Does It Exercise Learn 2 Sew Adult Discipleship Class Church School/Youth Program	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM
Thurs. Nov. 20	Finance Committee Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge Choir	10:00 AM 2:00 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. Nov. 21	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
Sun. Nov. 23	Sunday Bible Class Deacons' Meeting	10:00 AM 12:30 PM

Welcome to worship this morning! If you have small children, you're welcome to keep them in worship or take them into the quiet room.

Our thanks go to our lay reader Kim Cooney, Phil Springer, the choir, and pianist Dave Thomas.

You will find **prayer request cards** in the backs of the church pews that you may fill out and drop in the offering plate as needed.

For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-450-5295.

The **Wednesday Night Adult Discipleship Class** has begun a new 6-week DVD series, "*Tame Your Thoughts*" by Max Lucado. We meet Wednesday nights from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Room 4 next to the church office. Please join us for scripture-based discussion and Christian fellowship. All are welcome!

Today is the last day to sponsor Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Sample boxes for each age group are on display in the Fellowship Hall for viewing. This is a great opportunity to sponsor a box.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Glacier Presbyterian Center Online Fundraiser November 10th – 24th. Every \$2 you give becomes \$3! Thrivent will add \$1 for every \$2 donated – up to \$3,000 – multiplying your impact and helping even more children experience camp. Join us in opening the door to adventure, friendship, and faith. Glacier Camper Scholarships make that possible. Questions? Call 406-442-6091.

Give today and help a child go to camp!

Scan the QR code to donate or visit bit.ly/GlacierCamp.



If you have any articles to contribute to the **December Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **Wednesday**, **November 19**th, which will provide me with some time for article placement and proofreading. The newsletter will be printed and mailed out the following week, providing enough time for the newsletter to be delivered with any time sensitive articles.

The Presbyterian Women's Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 11th at 12:30 PM. It will be held at the Moose Lodge. The meal will be steak and scampi (\$25.00). We will be taking a special offering of canned fruit for the food pantry. Everyone is welcome to come. Sign up sheets will be posted in the Fellowship Hall and the Church Office. Please sign up before December 5th.

November 23rd is Remembrance Sunday when we honor friends and family members who have passed during the past year. Please notify the office of anyone you would like us to honor in our remembrance.

Last week, the combined giving was \$1,325.00. In order to meet expenses, we need to average \$3,104.00 per week.

Please remember to pray for Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Robin, Amy Zimbelman, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Dave Perry, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

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