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MISSIONARY PRAYER NEEDS

October 5, 2025 – October 11, 2025

Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Luke 10:2

Sunday – Wesley & Lisa Waites (Westminster UK – Seminary Student) give thanks Joel has been spreading the gospel at school, and two friends are coming to church. Pray that God will save Timmy and Harry and their families. Prayer for Wesley, who had an accident on his bike last week on his way to seminary. A dog cut into his path, and he went over the handlebars. He's doing ok but broke a bone in his hand; he cannot drive until it heals, which will take 4-6 weeks. Please continue to pray for his studies and the boys’ schooling.

Monday – Carla Stevens (MTW/MINTS—Global) gives thanks for the great progress made in training the team’s new Academic Program Administrator, Susan Newkirk. Pray that Susan can quickly raise her support so she can join us full-time. Pray also for God’s clear direction for the PS78Teachers' team as they meet and plan with several potential partners this month. Pray for wisdom in setting priorities.

Tuesday – Nathan & Kasia Tunnell (GPTS - Seminary Student) ask for prayer for tonsils & adenoids removal surgery for Blake, Oct. 7th, and Amelia, Oct. 10th. Pray for Emma’s celiac flare-up and the meeting with her doctor. Pray for Nathan’s endurance this semester. Pray for wisdom as they start working on their mission’s budget and prepare to fundraise full-time and for the military conflict in Eastern Europe to end.

Wednesday – Remember Christians in Mexico: Many people in rural areas practice Christo-paganism, and there is a strong Marxist movement in the south. Criminal gangs and cartel activity are also a threat. Pray for the protection of Christians vulnerable to hostility from criminal gangs and their own indigenous community. Pray for God’s provision for Christians who are faithful witnesses for Christ. Pray that Bibles would become more available in rural areas. Pray that outreach bases in remote areas will bear spiritual fruit in reaching indigenous groups with the gospel.

Thursday – Steve & Jenna Lammers (RUF – UF) ask for prayer for the fall sermon series and for the student leaders who are reaching out to incoming students with welcome events. Pray for students who came to faith in Christ last school year to continue to grow spiritually. Pray that Christ would be exalted in all RUF activities and that Christian students would value things of first importance and that their lives would bear fruit for years to come.

Friday – Waller & Mary Tabb (Wycliffe – USA) give thanks for good health and safe travels, including driving 1,000 miles on Ugandan roads. Thankful for finishing Micah and Nahum in Lubwisi and good progress checking 1 Chronicles in Lunyole. Pray for Waller as he begins checking 2 Samuel in Keliko and Deuteronomy 1-11 in Lugungu. Pray that gospel conversations during the trip will encourage two people and that a classroom of HS students will put their trust in Christ.

Saturday – Donald & Claire-Lise Cobb (MTW – France) ask for prayer as Donald teaches an introductory course on the New Testament to pastors, elders, and Sunday school teachers of the Malagasy church in France. Pray for him as he leads teaching at two church-weekend retreats this fall on the topic of "The Church as a Community of Disciples." Pray for the young men he is discipling. Pray they will find more ways to distribute the book they edited (combining 15 booklets on basics of Christianity) in the French-speaking world.

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AND IN TRUTH, WHICH COMPELS US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND TO
WITNESS TO ALL MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN, DISCIPLING THEM IN
BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY IN THE HISTORIC TRADITION OF THE
WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH.

OUR STAFF

Senior Minister David B. McWilliams	Associate Pastor Jeff McDonald	Associate Pastor of Youth and Families
Congregational Care Coordinator CB Campano	Pastors’ Assistant Linda Morrison	Accountant Ronnie Boutwell
Organist Isabella McDonald	Child Development Center Pre-school Director Katie Boll	Youth Ministry Assistant Joy Marie Strawbridge
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RULING ELDERS

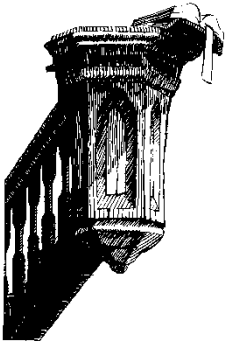
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Caleb McDow	Sean McMicken	Allen Montgomery	Jared Morrison
David Nederveld	Tom Oates	Scott Robinson	Mike Sligh
Steve Sligh	Rick Strawbridge	Jim Valenti	

DEACONS

Jim Allen	Phil Cagle	John Foster	Len Fusaro
Greg Hannah	Jacob Maguire	Chris Robinson	David Sligh
Anthony Sligh	Nathan Sligh	Jonathan Streets	Waller Tabb
Kevin Wasilewski			

CHURCH SCHEDULE – WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2025

Sunday	
Christian Education Hour	9:15 AM
Morning Worship Service	10:30 AM
Christmas in October Lunch	12:00 PM
Children’s Hymn Choir	5:00 PM
Evening Worship Service	5:00 PM
Monday	
Youth Comm. Metting	7:00 PM
Tuesday	
Women’s Bible Study	10:00 AM/7:00 PM
Wednesday	
Middle School Youth Group	6:00 PM
Sr. High Youth Group	6:00 PM
Diaconate Meeting	6:30 PM
Kids Quest	6:30 PM
Prayer Service	6:30 PM
Thursday	
Women’s Bible Study at the Armes	7:00 PM
Friday	
Men’s Bible Study	6:30 AM



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October 5, 2025
10:30 AM

For I have not hesitated to declare unto you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness, and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome

Prelude *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Janet Linker

Call to Worship 1 Chronicles 29:12b-13 (ESV)
Minister: You are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.
All: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.
Minister: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn 110** *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah* Praise Jehovah

* **Prayer of Adoration**

Confession of Sin from *Calvin’s Liturgy*
Minister: My brethren, let each of you present himself before the face of the Lord, and confess his faults and sins, saying together with me:
All: O Lord, God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge most sincerely before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end or ceasing: Wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through Your righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You: and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching Your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as you blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of Your Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our

heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which will bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto You; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon John 10:28-29 (ESV)
Minister: I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.
All: Amen.

* **Scripture Lesson** Matthew 27:45-56

* **Confession of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*
All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living 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.

*catholic means universal

* **Hymn 498** *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* Hyfrydol
Verses 2, 3, 4 unaccompanied

For children 6+, a “kid’s bulletin” is available from the ushers. Room 113 has a video of the service for parents of children who need attention during the service.

Sermon **Rev. Jeff McDonald**
PSALM 88
DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL

Prayer of Petition and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Hymn 420 *At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing* St. George’s

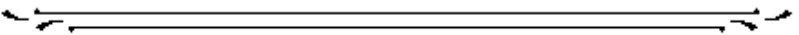
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

All those who trust Christ alone for salvation, are baptized, and are communing members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake in the Lord’s Supper. All others should allow the elements to pass as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

* **Hymn 94** *How Firm a Foundation* Foundation
Verses 2, 3, 4 unaccompanied

* **Benediction** 2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)
Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: **Come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

Response *Foundation* Traditional American Melody
Postlude *Toccata Giocosa* Gilbert M. Martin



EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
5:00 pm

Call to Worship

* **Hymn 529** *Love Divine, All Loves, Excelling* Beecher

* **Prayer of Adoration**

Catechism Review **WSC Questions 76-78**
(Trinity Hymnal pg. 875)

Update from Missions Committee Elder Bob Macey

* **Hymn 497** *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus* Meirionydd

Sermon **Rev. Jeff McDonald**
PROVERBS 9:1-18
THE WAY OF WISDOM, THE WAY OF FOLLY

* **Hymn 559** *Father, I Know That All My Life* Morwellham

* **Benediction** Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)
Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
All: **Come quickly, Lord Jesus!**



NOTES

MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION AT HOME – PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Carol Fullgraf, Blair Kerstetter, Alvin Jones III, Anna Canady, Wayne Viner, Janie Kirby, Cindy Winslow, Linda Nederveld, Dane and Robin Streets, Ronnie Boutwell, Marti Beswick, Sharon Leathers, David Clyde, Donna Lister, Dan DeLange, Bill Roberts, Janet Carithers, Allen and Harriett Montgomery, and the Ford family
Men should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1