

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!
So, whether they are bumping, shuffling, whispering, or giggling,
they are welcome in worship!
And we also adore service dog rattles and sighs.

What's available Sundays@10?

Children (K3 (potty-trained)-5th): Basement Root Cellar art room
Nursery for K3 and under
Youth (6th – 12th): 3rd floor Flight Deck
Adults - FISH: room 205 across from kitchen
Sojourners: room 110 across from library

Camp Fellowship Summer Camp dates are published.
Check out this QR code for information:



With your help . . . VBS is a Mission Possible!!!!

We need volunteers for Bible, Recreation, Craft, and Snack.
We need volunteers to lead crews around.
We need volunteers to help with registration and name tags.
We need adults and youth!
We need you!
Sign up by calling or emailing Lea, Elise, or Michelle.

We need CHILDREN for VBS!

Invite your neighbors and friends!
Bring a carpool every night!
K3-5th completers.
The more the merrier!
May 31 – June 4
5:30 – 7:30



Church Picnic to Kick-off VBS

Sunday, May 31
Join us at 5:30 for burgers & hotdogs
A-L Bring a side
M-Z bring a dessert

Youth

Sunday, May 17th – **Sunday school** from 10:00 – 10:45.

Sunday, May 17

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - New Members Class (BR)
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
12:15 p.m. - Worship Comm. (BR)
4:30 p.m. - Missions/Outreach (BR)
5:30 p.m. - Diaconate (HR)
6:00 p.m. - PGS Concert (Sanc)

Monday, May 18

SPIRE DEADLINE
10:00 a.m. - Pres. Women (HR)
5:30 p.m. - Endowment (Conf. Rm)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (AH)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Tuesday, May 19

10:00 a.m. - Staff Mtg.
4:00 p.m. - Family Bible Study (BR)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (AH)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:30 p.m. - Dinner (Migs)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 21

10:30 a.m. - Listening for God (BR)
6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)
7:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out (Break on the Lake)

Friday, May 22

10:00 a.m. - Noah's Ark Graduation (Sanc/AH)
7:00 p.m. - Date Night (Good Times)

Saturday, May 16

9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Lib)
5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Lib)

Key

AH-Alexander Hall
Loft-3rd Floor Youth Room
HR-Henry Reynolds Room, Room 110
BR-Barksdale Room, Room 122
Sanc-Sanctuary
YR-3rd Floor Youth Room, also called the Loft
Base-Basement, also call the Root Cellar
FISH-Adult Sunday School Class, Room 205
Conf. Rm-Conference Room, Room 206
Lib-Library, Room 121
Maps are posted throughout the campus.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carl Holloway Stroud by the John & Ferol Stroud.

Fifth-Sunday Project of the Western Cluster Churches

We will be assembling Clean Up Buckets to be distributed by PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance). FPC is responsible for sponges of assorted sizes and scouring pads. Please have any donations to FPC by noon on Friday, May 29th. We would love to have you join us on Sunday, May 31st, from 3-5:00 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church to help put together 25 buckets.

Wednesdays

Don't forget that we gather at Mig's on Wednesday evenings in the May, June, and July. Hope to see you there when you're in town!
5:30ish

Community Prayer Service

A Service of Prayer for our hurting community will be held this Sunday, May 17th, at 4:30 pm, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Rev. Christie will be participating with other Greenwood clergy in conducting this service.

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, May 21st
7:00 pm Break on the Lake
Join us for a night out with friends!
Please RSVP by noon on the day of.

Date Night

Friday, May 22nd
7:00 pm Good Times Brewery
Join us for a night with friends!
Please RSVP by noon on the day of.

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026
9:00 am and 11:00 am



THIS EVENING
at 6:00 pm
Music of America
Tickets are \$10
at the door.

Interim Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries -- Jade Green
Director of Children's Music -- Sarah Bowen
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Noah's Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham

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GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brad Christie

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord *Ps. 95:1-2*
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS (Missions Update)

David Gardner

PRELUDE (11:00) “The God of Heaven Thunders” (Psalm 29)
Chancel Choir

Norman Warren

ADORATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** [from Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35]

Steve Skinner

Leader: Clap your hands, all God’s people.
People: Christ is risen from the dead!
Leader: Shout to God with songs of joy.
People: Christ has ascended into heaven!
Leader: Sing praises to God, all the earth.
People: Christ will come again to reign!
O come, let us worship!

***OPENING HYMN** #33** “Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

LLANFAIR

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION [1 Peter 5:7]

Jade Green

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared
to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just,
and humble life to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON [1 Peter 4:14; 5:6-10]

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

*(Please share the peace of Christ with one another.
Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)*

***HYMN #662** “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

RATISBON

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Rev. Christie

Offertory

(9:00) Tim Walters

(11:00) “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” William Allen Pasch

***Doxology** (On Screens)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Rev. Christie

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

Beth Pruitt

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:1-11
Acts 1:6-14

Rev. Christie

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Believe It or Not!”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

[from The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Questions 46 & 49]

What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven?”
That Christ, while his disciples watched,
was taken up from the earth into heaven
and remains there on our behalf
until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?
First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.
Second, we have our own flesh in heaven
as a sure pledge that Christ our head
will also take us, his members, up to himself.
Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth
as a corresponding pledge.
By the Spirit’s power we seek not earthly things
but the things above, where Christ is,
sitting at God’s right hand.
Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #377** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

HOUSTON

***BENEDICTION** [Please remain for the Congregational Benediction]

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** (Back of Hymnal)
“We Are Yours”

GLICK

POSTLUDE

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices (instructions are in the pew racks) are available in the narthex.

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated