GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome and Announcements

Visitors, please fill out the connection card in the pew so we can send you a note

Opening Prayer Michael Allen

God, your love is steadfast and enduring. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, hem me in, behind and before, as I quiet my heart and my head to worship you. Amen.

Prelude *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Charles Callahan

Choral Introit *Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts* Jeremiah Clarke

***Call to Worship (Responsive)** Michael Allen

The Lord is good! God's steadfast love endures forever

***Hymn** *Rejoice, the Lord is King* #363

Prayer for New Beginnings (Unison) Michael Allen

Ever-present God, you never leave us. Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee, and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all may know that you are the Lord, our God, a tenacious presence in whatever our reality. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace (Responsive)**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

***Congregational Response** *In My Life* #468 v.1,4

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today,
In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Michael Allen

Holy Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 106: 1-5 Michael Allen

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise? Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Word in Music *Rejoice in the Lord Alway* Henry Purcell
Soloists: Julie Foster, Barret Kidd, Tony Stimatz

New Testament Reading Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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Sermon Rev. Jeff Sockwell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn** *When Peace Like a River* #840

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer (Responsive)

…through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who taught us this 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Charles Callahan

***Doxology** #606

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* #804

***Blessing**

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Postlude *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Charles Callahan

Those Serving Today	**Those Serving 10/18/26**
Rev. Jeff Sockwell, Pastor	Rev Marie Mickey, Guest Pastor
Michael Allen, Liturgist	Rachel Gragson, Liturgist
Louise Spry, Greeter	The Medlins, Greeters
Paul Vincent, Technology	Paul Vincent, Technology
Jay Smith, Organist and Choir Director	Guest musician, Organist and Choir Director

Prayer Concerns

Rachel Gragson, Dawn Kidd, Joe Medlin, Deb Kuntzelman, Tom Traywick, Charles Gregg, Larry and Dianne Roby, Dylan DeVries, Brad and Kathy Post, Mary Midgett, Bette Lou Campbell, Joe Gibbs and Sam Gibbs, Norman Lawrence.

This Week

Tuesday – Joint Session Meeting 1:00 pm (in the fellowship hall)
Wednesday - Tai Chi/Qigong 9:00 am (in fellowship hall)
Thursday - Painting Pals 1:00-4:00 pm (in fellowship hall)

Announcements

Welcome – We are glad you are here.

We welcome Jay Smith today.

Presbyterian Women – Fall has arrived and a new year begins for the Presbyterian Women. Whether you have been a part in the past or feel an urge to start new this year, please join the women on Monday October 12 at 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided. Please prayerfully and joyfully consider joining for food, fellowship, sharing new ideas, and study together.

Save the Date! – You won't want to miss Sunday October 25th as we celebrate fall with a Fall Fun Picnic and Fellowship Service. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am for a time of worship and music. And if that isn't enough, stay for the picnic-style meal in the fellowship hall. Fried chicken will be provided. We ask you to bring a side dish. If you'd also like to bring a dessert, that is fine as well. We look forward to sharing chicken and a variety of side dishes together! Please see Sandra Rowe if you have questions about the meal or want to offer your help in setting up or cleaning up.

Blessing Box –The most needed items for October are canned soup, peanut butter, and canned chicken and tuna.

We are collecting any calendars and utensil packets from any carry-out meals you do not need. A basket is in the fellowship hall by the outside door to collect these.

These Days Devotionals – The October-December copy of These Days is available in the rack in the narthex.

September Financial information:

Offering received	Offering needed:
September: $9127	September: $10,514

October Birthdays

4- Pat Sterritt
7 – Julie Foster
9 – Laura DeVries
12 – Matt Wood
20 – JudyLynn Hooser
23 – Myra Mock
31 – Charles Conley

October Anniversary

October 12 – Alex and Betsy Rowe

Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026

11:30 am



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