

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Minutes for Stewardship Elder Doug Hinshaw, Property

Prelude

*Call to Worship
L: Turn us, O God,
P: away from the world’s temptations and distractions.
L: Return us, O God,
P: to the quiet calm of Your presence.
L: Restore us, O God,
P: to the path You call us to follow.
L: Orient us, O God,
P: to the hope of all that is possible through You.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn 327 (blue) O Word of God Incarnate

Call to Confession / Prayer of Confession
God, our refuge, You lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive Your grace so freely do not follow Your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We ask for Your forgiveness. Amen. *Silent Confession*

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response *Gloria Patri*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Time

First Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-20

Anthem *Amazing Grace / Pachelbel’s Canon*

Second Scripture Reading Luke 16:1-13

Sermon *A Lesson from Uncle Bob* Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn 333 (blue) *Seek Ye First*

*Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Prayers of the People followed by The Lord’s Prayer

Call for the Offering / Offertory

*Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 452 (blue) *O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*Please stand, as able

Prayer Concerns: Alexander Elliott, grandson of Tommy Wilson; Robert Hilton, son of Susan Morgan; Carol Manley, sister-in-law of Martha Richardson; Brian Mitchell; Misty Smith; Art and Margaret Thompson; Jo Ann Thompson; Brenda Turner, sister of Bill Mitchell; Kennette Watkins, daughter-in-law of Neal and Trudy Watkins; Larry Weatherly

Flowers are given by Tony McNair in remembrance of Blaise's birthday. Always in our hearts, my cherished son, Blaise McNair. On your birthday, we remember the joy you gave us, a treasure that will last forever.

Children's Church and Nursery attendants today are Ricki Haley and Kason Jurczyk.

There is a congregational meeting after worship today for the purpose of electing church officers.

We will have limited office hours this week: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-noon.

Trunk or Treat is 4:00-6:00pm next Sunday at First Methodist Church.

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