St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 2026

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns
Director of Music/Organist	Mr. Gary O'Neal
Church Office Administrator	Cathy Schingle

We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

Prelude "Lead On, O King Eternal" (arr. Robert N. Thygerson) — Gary O'Neal, Organist

* **Welcome and Greeting One Another** — Pastor

* **Congregational Introit** (remain standing)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

* **Call to Worship** — Liturgist

(Responsive)
As disciples ("students"), we come to worship God and grow in faith.
Seeking to grow in our faith, we wish to have the same mind in us that was in Christ Jesus.
Jesus, teacher and healer, born in human likeness, was raised up from death and given the name above every name.
We worship and give glory to God, for Jesus Christ is Lord!

* **Hymn** "God of Our Life" — No. 686

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* **Invitation to Stand**

* **Prayer of the Day** Liturgist and Congregation

Let us pray:

Holy God, we give you thanks for the ways you are at work in us, in this congregation, and in the world you created. You provide for us, nurture us, you teach us and challenge us to work out our salvation. How grateful we are for the ways you inspire us to will and to work for you! May all that we do bring glory to you, Amen.

* **Gloria Patri** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 582

The Sword of the Spirit

Call to Confession Pastor

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor and Congregation

God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don't change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings, and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. Amen.

(In silence, confess your personal sins to God.)

Kyrie Eleison "Change My Heart, O God" No. 695

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Cámbiame, Señor, con tu gran poder. Hazme como tú; tuyo quiero ser.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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* **Invitation to Stand**

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive) Pastor and Congregation
Friends, believe this good news, in Christ we are new creations. We are forgiven; we are set free; and we are made ready to live the living Word.
Alleluia, Amen!

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist and Congregation
Let us pray with one voice:
"Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen."

First Reading:	1 Kings 19:19-21 (p. 301 Pew Bible) This is the Word of the Lord!	Liturgist
Response:	**Thanks be to God!**	
Second Reading:	Luke 5:1-11 (p. 860 Pew Bible) Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.	Pastor
Response:	**Praise to you, O Christ!**	
Sermon	The Life and Times of Jesus "Rabbi Jesus Seeks Students"	Rev. Dr. Paul Burns
Anthem	"The Spirit of the Lord" (arr. Mary McDonald)	Choir

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) Pastor and Congregation – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the

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* **Invitation to Stand**

dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's 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.

* **Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Faith Promises** Doxology No. 606
A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.

If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary as you exit the building.

* **Hymn** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" No. 721

* **Charge and Benediction** Pastor

* **Sending Song** "We Are One in Christ Jesus" No. 322
"Somos uno en Cristo"
(sing 2 times)

We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.
Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.

* **Postlude** Gary O'Neal, Organist

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* **Invitation to Stand**

Assisting in worship today is Lindsay Moses, Liturgist.
The Usher is Bill Oney.

Refreshments in the Parlor today are served
by the Christian Education Committee.

*** Invitation to Stand**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27TH

Sunday	11:00 am	Disciple Followship Group
	11:00 am	Yoga Wellness
Tuesday	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Church Food Pantry
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Yoga Wellness
	6:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Way Out Wednesday
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Church Food Pantry
	3:00 pm	Open Gate

SESSION MEMBERS
Cathy Schingle – Clerk

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Kathleen Hale	Bill Grayson	Bob King
Dorothy Moore	Shelly Manriquez	Bill Oney
Ann O'Neal	Harry Roberts	Charlene Taylor

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

September 27, 2026

The Weekly Devotional focuses on today's sermon and message. It includes a memory verse, three reflection questions, and a challenge for the upcoming week.

Please take the Weekly Devotional home with you and use it throughout the week.

Sermon: "Rabbi Jesus Seeks Students"

Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 19:19-21
Luke 5:1-11

Memory Verse:
When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him." (Luke 5:11)

Reflection Questions

1) What is Jesus teaching you right now about the way you should live, serve, or relate to others?

2) What might you need to "leave behind" in order to follow Jesus more faithfully?

3) Where is Jesus inviting you to step out of your comfort zone and participate in his work?

Challenge for the Week
Practice being a student of Jesus. Each day this week, spend 10 minutes reading one of the Gospels and ask: "What is Jesus teaching me, and how can I put it into practice today?" Then take one specific action based on what you have learned.

Prayer
Lord Jesus, teach me to be your student and give me the courage to follow where you lead. Help me leave behind whatever keeps me from faithfully serving you. Use my life to participate in your work and share your love with others. Amen.