St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 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
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Prelude "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" (arr. Albin C. Whitworth) — 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)

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.
God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.
We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.
God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.
We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.
God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.
We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.
Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Let us worship God.

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* **Invitation to Stand**

* **Hymn** "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" No. 33

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

Let us pray with one voice:

Lord of the Church, you gather a broken people around your table. In times of disagreement, teach us to listen, free us from prejudice, and unite us in your way of forgiving grace. Through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. 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

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with conditions. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. 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 in Christ, remember this: the mercy of God endures from everlasting to everlasting. I remind you of this surpassing grace – in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist and Congregation
Let us pray with one voice:
Holy Spirit, open our eyes and our ears, our minds and our hearts, that we may hear your Word, walk in your ways, and truly live. Amen.

First Reading:	Matthew 2:19-23 (p. 808 Pew Bible) This is the Word of the Lord!	Liturgist
Response:	**Thanks be to God!**	
Second Reading:	Luke 2:39-52 (p. 858 Pew Bible) Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.	Pastor
Response:	**Praise to you, O Christ!**	
Sermon	"The Life and Times of Jesus Christ; Jesus' Childhood in Nazareth"	Rev. Dr. Paul Burns
Anthem	"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (arr. Doreen Potter)	Choir

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the

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* **Invitation to Stand**

Father; through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn "Come to the Table of Grace" No. 507

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People
All who wish to receive communion are invited to come forward by way of the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be served where you are seated. You may select the prepackaged communion elements or partake by intinction – to dip a portion of the bread in the cup. Safety precautions were observed when preparing all communion elements.

Prayer After Communion

*** Invitation to Stand**

* **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** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" No. 240

* **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

Assisting in worship today is Allison Curry, Liturgist.
The Usher is Diane Llywelyn.

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

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* **Invitation to Stand**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6TH

Sunday	We Feed the World has been canceled this Sunday	
	11:00 am	Disciple Followship Group
	11:00 am	Yoga Wellness
Tuesday	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Church Food Pantry
	4:00pm	Christian Education Committee
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
	6:00 pm	Administration and Personnel Com. Mtg.

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 6, 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:
"Jesus' Childhood in Nazareth"

Scripture Readings: Matthew 2:19-23
Luke 2:39-52

Memory Verse:
"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor."
(Luke 2:52)

Reflection Questions

1. What parts of your daily life feel ordinary or insignificant right now? How might God be working through those things?

2. Luke 2:52 says that Jesus grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and others. In which of these areas do you most need to grow right now?

3. What would it look like for you to become more aware of God's presence in your ordinary routines this week?

Challenge for the Week
Pay attention to the ordinary.
Each day this week, choose one ordinary activity—going to work, doing homework, preparing a meal, exercising, spending time with family, driving, or doing chores. Before you begin, pause and pray: "God, help me see you in this ordinary moment." Then look for one opportunity to grow in wisdom, serve someone, strengthen a relationship, or draw closer to God. Remember: You don't have to do something extraordinary for your life to matter to God. Be faithful where you are.

Prayer
Lord Jesus, thank you for showing us that ordinary life can be holy. Help us to recognize your presence in the everyday moments of our lives. Give us patience to grow, wisdom to learn, and faithfulness to serve you wherever you have placed us. Help us remember that even when our lives seem ordinary, you are still working in us and through us. Amen.