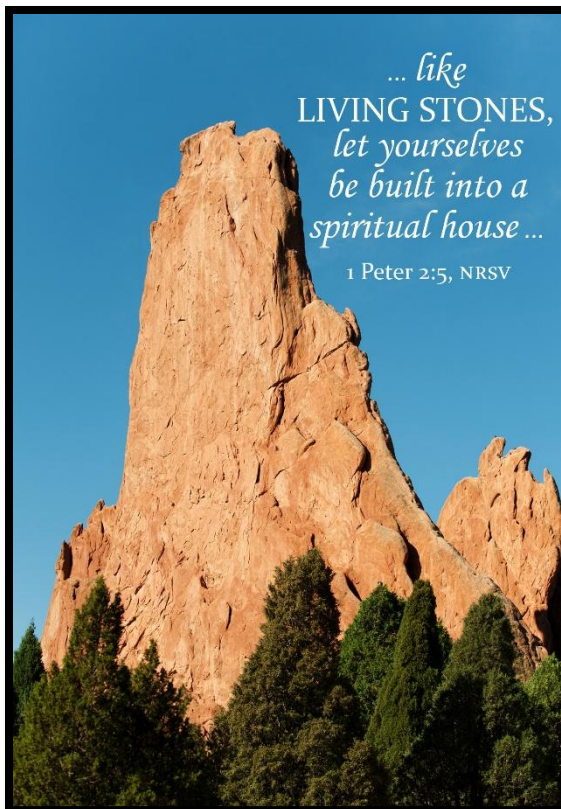


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We welcome you to this worship service.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Be Exalted, O God

Musicians

Announcements

Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Come We That Love the Lord

GRP 38

***Lighting of the altar candles.**

***Scripture Reading**

Taylor Ledbetter

***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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision

GRP 49

***Affirmation of Faith:**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from which, he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Sharing of Joys and Concern

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I Will Praise Him

Musicians

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

Hymn

Sweet Hour of Prayer

GRP 440

Scripture

1 Peter 2:4-5

Sermon

“A Spiritual House for a Royal Priesthood”

Mark Ledbetter

Hymn

My Chains Are Gone

GRP 574

Postlude

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Musicians

***Please stand if you are able.**

Prayer List

Jimmy and Jane Reynolds, Brenda and Pat Jones, Fred and Maryanne Pate, James and Janice Adams, Vicky Rollins, Chris Kramer, Jr., Ruth Cox, Bill Crenshaw, Beth Major, Glenda Rumsey, Tanner Bowen, Matt Abrams, Bobbie Kinser, Mike Cleveland, Louise Rhodes, Donald Caine, Danny and Alice Collins, Van Abbott, Chris Bishop, JoAnne Cleveland, Honest Gaddis, Kathy and Roland Roberson, Pam Whitman, Jeanne & Glen Deason, Mark Ledbetter, Sheila Pody, Ethan Corbitt, Jeff Thomas and family, Cindy Natali, Tim Heath and family, Perry Duffey, Ann Thompson, Mallory Caine, Lisa Barnett, Kaye Thackerson, Ray Stone, Elliette Fillingame and family, Jerry Jordan, Charles and Janet Akin, Laline Bagley, Mitzi Moran, Connor Edmondson, Frances Coleman, Joey Shellnut, Jill Bailey, Leslie Hassal, the family of Bob Motschwiller, the family of Becky Ellis, Hilda Barnes, Jackie Davis, Dave Smith, Sarah Hethcox, and David Jackson.



Prayer Focus:

Each Sunday an important part of our worship experience is the Lord's Prayer. As we engage in unison in this prayer, we not only form a bond between members of the congregation, but also a vital link between the early church and with Christ Himself. The Lord's Prayer is Jesus's model prayer for His disciples.

There are two versions of the Lord's Prayer, one found in Matthew and the other in Luke. The difference in the wording focuses upon the difference in the context

in which Jesus shares the prayer. Luke's version provides a response to the disciples' request that Jesus teach them to pray like John taught his disciples to pray. This indicates how prayer was stressed and having seen the prayer life of Jesus, they realized it was through prayer that He discerned the Father's will and directed and empowered.

Matthew's version provides expressions of righteousness, which include giving to the poor, prayer, and fasting. Jesus introduces the Prayer by first teaching the disciples they should not pray for pretense and show but offered with the expectation of the Father's good will nor fruitless repetitions to be heard.

Matthew's version is divided into two divisions, first are the petitions for God to sanctify His name in the earth. His name is exalted through the execution of His will on the earth just as it is done in heaven. God is honored when we set our priorities first on seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness above our own anxieties, and believing that He is fully aware of our needs, but by directing our prayer first on His behalf, He will provide our needs and eliminate our worries and concerns for the basics of life, including food, drink, clothing – the basic necessities of life.

The second division invites us to first address the necessity of life – daily bread drawing the imagery of Yahweh's provision of manna while Israel trekked through the wilderness. Daily amplifies the Proverb requesting bread sufficient for the immediate need, not too much that we should forget who provided, or too little that we might reproach God. Jesus instructs us to forgive others but with a qualifier: forgive us in the same way we forgive others; further, failing to forgive others will hinder His forgiveness of our sins. He directs our prayers towards the temptations of life, that He does not test us, but that rather, He will deliver us from "the" evil, which can consist not only of deliverance from "the evil one" – Satan, but also from our evil inclinations.

We pray The Lord's Prayer with faith and humility, recognizing our dependency upon Him as we pursue His righteousness and kingdom, and all for His glory.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday School – 10:00 am

Worship Service – 11:00 am

No Bible study this week.

**Our prayer meeting for this evening will be at the pole at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.
to pray for our election day coming up on Tuesday.**

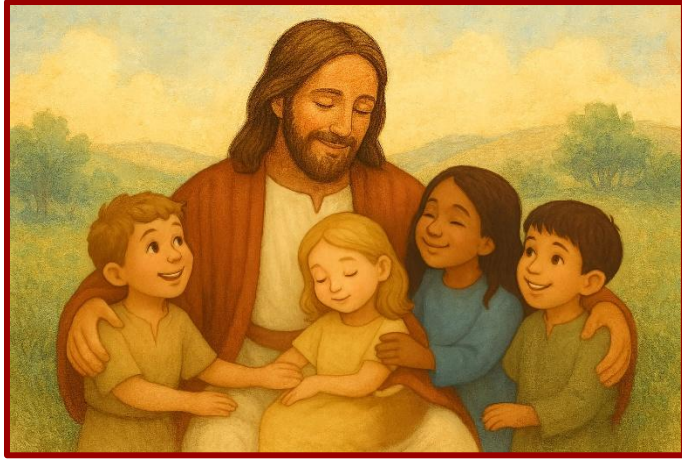
Men's Club Boston Butt Fundraiser

Sign-up sheet is in the kitchen

\$40.00/Boston butt

Pickup day is September 27th.

Our church's **Charge Conference** will be here on
Sunday, September 28th at 5:00 p.m.



Kids Kingdom Moment

Starting October 5th, we will be incorporating
a children's moment into our service.

Bring your children and grandchildren so they can participate every Sunday!

The Journey is a faith-based grief support group that integrates Scriptural principles and interactive emotional tools designed to assist the bereaved. This group meets six consecutive weeks each quarter at no cost. Registration is required, and there is room for twelve participants at a time. Support will be offered each quarter throughout the year. Pastor Mark Ledbetter will facilitate these group meetings. For more information contact Pastor Mark.

Fall quarterly meetings will be conducted weekly on Thursdays
at 6:00 p.m. starting October 2nd – November 6th.

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