CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
8:15 & 11:00 AM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (9:20 School Year)
Children remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sun-
day School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with David &
Suzanne Hamilton.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Cassondra Fredrik-
son & Justine Davis.

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday
School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the Sanc-
tuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at
10:45am for Sunday School where we will starting our new series, Amplify.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI is an adult class that provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to
explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We
ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from
experiences and perspectives. Today, Kelly Siegel from Hospice will speak on
“Beyond Hospice, Far Beyond Hospice... What’s Next?”

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15
led by Vicki Krueger
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the
study of God’s word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our
understanding of the Bible, as Jesus’ own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of
others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and
to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study—BEGINS OCTOBER 6th
This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 and will begin
October 6. We will be studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We will
look at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in
exile. The book we will use is part of the Immersion Bible Studies— Hosea, Joel,
Amos, Obadiah, and Joel by Bruce Keppler. If you have any questions or would
like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-489-8727
or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in
length. All are welcome! Come join us!

9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. “Defenders”
The “Defenders” meet in rooms 5 & 7 at both 9:30am & 11:00am. This class is
taught by Michael Jahosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College.
We will focus on defending the Christian faith in a secular world, studying the book
“Christian Apologetics: Renewing the Christian Voice, Conscience, and Imagination
in a Disenchanted World” by Dr. Paul Gould. For more information, you may con-
struct Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs@gmail.com.

Music Notes:
In the early 1950s, Jane Marshall was a young homemaker and Methodist church choir
member, albeit one with unusually strong music background. She decided to write an
anthem. The grand class anthem was “My Eternal King,” published in 1954 by Carl Fischer
Music. It became one of that venerable sheet music company’s all-time bestselling anthems
and remains popular with choirs across denominations. Marshall would go on to write more
than 200 anthems, hymns and other sacred music works.

A revered figure among fellow musicians, and the broader church music world, Marshall
died May 29 in Dallas at age 94. “I rank her as the most sensitive and text
composing choir member’s guide of the 20th century. She was that good,” said the Rev. Carlton Young,
editor of the United Methodist Hymnal.

She taught for many years at Southern Methodist University’s Perkins School of Theology
and influenced countless church musicians and pastors with her depth of understanding and
ability to convey her faith through her writings and compositions. Marshall, in an essay
titled “The Passionate Church Musician,” directly addressed the place of music in the Chris-
tian life:

“Much is said, and rightly so, about necessary faith in God—a given we all ac-
cept,” she wrote. “What can be added is that music itself, when it is the real thing
and not a cheap imitation, is worth having faith in, too. It is no exaggeration to say
that music, a large mystery within the larger mystery of the Deity itself, is always
there to heal and inspire when everything else on earth falls short.”
Order for the Public Worship of God
September 22, 2019
15th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: It is by God’s grace that we gather for worship.
People: And it is by God’s grace that our lives are changed.
Leader: As we worship God, may the eyes of our hearts be opened to the grace of God that is all around us.
People: For it is by grace we have been saved through faith in Jesus, so with joy and thanksgiving let us give our hearts in worship to God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Kevin McChesney
Hallelujah Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
(8:15) Chris Curvin, Pastor
(11:00) Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #804
“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!” MARION

CALL TO CONFESION
(8:15) Rosalie Bradford, Dir. of Youth & Families
(11:00) Jill Ericksen, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
O God of glory and grace, how healing and freeing it is to know both in our minds and in our hearts that Jesus Christ came into this world to redeem rebellious and broken human beings! Forgive us, dear Lord, when we take his sacrificial suffering and death for granted. Forgive us when we draw upon your grace to gloss over and continue experiencing yourself and the grace therein to persons filled with your love and righteousness. By your grace this day and for all the days that are yet to come, help us know and experience your forgiving love, being set free to live lives that make a difference for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #581
“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone) GREATOREX

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ANTHEM
“My Eternal King” Jane Marshall

(see the Music Notes paragraph about this anthem) 1924-2019

My God, I love Thee, not because I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581
(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
“Welsh Hymntune: AR HYD Y NOS” arr. David Cherwien

DOXOLOGY—#606
OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together)
Almighty and loving God, all the world is your vineyard and we are the laborers therein. The fruits of our labor are yours, but you allow us to manage them for you. You graciously gift us with these blessings to enjoy and you call us to share a portion of our blessings with those in need. O Lord, receive and bless the tithes and offerings we bring to you this day. May they be employed to build up your church and to proclaim, in word and deed, the good news of the kingdom of God to a bent and hurting world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“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.”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN
“A Bright, Unsympathetic Sun” TALLIS’ CANON
(see front cover)

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 20:1-16 NRSV (page 801)

SERMON
“The Scandal of God’s Grace” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #36
“For the Fruit of All Creation” AR HYD Y NOS

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING
“As We Go” Jeremy Johnson
Lindsey Peterson, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Emma Lou Diemer

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Glorious Day” (Living He Loved Me)

MESSAGE
“The Scandal of God’s Grace” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)

SCRIPTURES
Matthew 20:1-16

CALL TO OFFERING

WELCOME

MEET AND GREET

PRaise SONG
“Call Upon the Lord”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“King of Kings”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU