

The Church at Worship

September 26, 2021

10:30 A.M.

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



† Indicates the congregation shall stand.

We Gather To Meet God

Chiming of the Hour	Organ
News of the Church	Kati Everett
Prelude	Organ
<i>Come Christians, Join To Sing</i>	
† Greetings & Hymn of Praise No. 369 (vs. 1,3)	Kati Everett
<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	
† Affirmation of Faith	The 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 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 sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic* Church,	
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,	
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	
* universal	
† Gloria Patri	MEINEKE
<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;</i>	
<i>as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.</i>	
<i>Amen. Amen.</i>	
Prayers for the People	Kati Everett
Responsive Reading from Psalm 124	Kinsley Davis
If it had not been the LORD who was on our side	
—let Israel now say—	
<i>if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,</i>	
<i>when our enemies attacked us,</i>	
<i>then they would have swallowed us up alive,</i>	
<i>when their anger was kindled against us;</i>	
then the flood would have swept us away,	
the torrent would have gone over us;	
<i>then over us would have gone</i>	
<i>the raging waters.</i>	

Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts	Piano
<i>The Gift of Love</i>	
† Doxology	OLD 100th
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.	
Special	Alison Hindmon
<i>I Give Up</i>	
<i>Love Offering for the Hindmon's</i>	Benjie Tarbutton
<i>(Children Pre-K, Kindergarten & First Grades are invited to Children's Church)</i>	

God Speaks Through His Word

Scripture Reading	Eric Hindmon
I Corinthians 12	
Sermon	Eric Hindmon
"Re-Gifting"	

We Respond To God's Word

† Closing Hymn	Eric Hindmon
<i>Trust and Obey</i>	
Verse 1:	
When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.	
Refrain:	
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.	
Verse 4:	
Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey.	
Refrain:	
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.	
Benediction	Eric Hindmon
Postlude	Organ
<i>Serve the Lord With Gladness</i>	



September

26 - Mark Pullen
27 - Joseph Giddens
28 - Nora Hindmon
29 - Jason Alexander
John Wilson
Will Wright

September

27 - Peggie & Sid Cheatham

October

2 - Kate Hudson

October

3 - Sharon & Keith Everett

College Student Outreach

Let's stay connected to our college kids and show them some love! We would like to send a fall care package from the church to our college students. If you would like to donate items, please leave them in the church office no later than Monday, October 11. Packages will be put together on Wednesday, October 13 and shipped to the students. Some good ideas for the packages are gift cards (Target, Starbucks, Chic Fila, grocery store, etc.), baked goods, snack food, personal notes, bible verses, etc. It would be great if our kids' Sunday School classes could make cards to put in the care packages as well. Please contact Jessalyn with any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help put packages together. (478-232-8444)

College students:

Mary Preston Alexander, Wynn Andrews, Sydney Barrett, Becky Carter, Maddox McClarin, Mary Frances Miller, Matt Miller, Alenah Moore, Schley Moore, Rhiannon O' Berry, Peyton Prince, Alexis Smith, Natalie Smith, Ben Tarbutton, IV, Charlie Tarbutton, Drew Wilson, and Mary James Wright.



Flowers for Worship

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Hugh M. Tarbutton** by Gena Tarbutton.



In memory of **Margaret McCarty** given by:

Pendery & Scotty McCoy and Sandra & David McMaster to the foundation.

In memory of **Dean McCaskill** given by:

Brownie & Sonny Barksdale, Sandra & David McMaster, and Gina & Bill Wiggins to the altar fund.

In memory of **Margaret McCarty** given by

Mary Grace Kay to the angel fund.

In memory of **Dean McCaskill** given by:

Mary Grace Kay and Connie Langford to the angel fund.

In memory of **Norma Wright** given by

Mary Grace Kay to the angel fund.

In memory of **Mary Bruce Roy Etheridge** **Craig Hollingsworth** **Edna Lewis** **Margaret McCarty**

given by Brownie & Sonny Barksdale to the altar fund.

Next week at Sandersville UMC

Sunday, September 26

9:30 a.m. Sunday School*

10:30 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary*

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. SNL (Children's Ministry)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Girls Middle & High School

Small Groups

Tuesday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 29

7:00 a.m. Men's Small Groups

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

***Nursery Provided**

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Infant Nursery Volunteer

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Toddler Nursery Volunteer

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Sound

Jon Moore

Security Team

Randy Helton, Carwin Avant,

Adam Price, Ben Salter

In Our Prayers

Our Church Family

Frances Bateman

Betty Coxwell

Ronnie Dorman

Linda Goodman

Jenny Greenwood

Theo McDonald

ECF Residents:

Sue Durden

Shirley Friedman

Carolyn Sheppard

Tennille Assisted Living:

Carol English

Friends & Family of the Church

Family of Heather Frazier

Dr. Needham Bateman

(Sheila Clopton's cousin &

Frances Bateman's nephew)

Jimmy Screws

(Tony Screws' dad)

Betty Freeman

(Cheryl & Carwin Avant's friend)

Linda Rubio

(Lindsey Noggle's mom)

Jonathan Thigpen

(Brenda Moye's son)

Ben Cocker

(Beth Scheff's dad)

Van Branan

(Friend of Terry Torrez)

Bill Edwards

(Jennifer Wright's father)

Jeanette Harrell

(Judy Mercer's mom)

Cindy Boatright

Sheryl Lewis

(Friend of Brownie Barksdale)

Phebe Grace Hall

(Friend of Courtney Tollison)

Angel O' Berry

Carol & Earl Smith

(Friends of Scotty & Pendery McCoy)

Sarah Payne

(Megan Lord's sister)

Betty Brett

Susie Searcy

(Friend Brownie Barksdale)

William Brooks

(Friend of Capers & Deborah Brazzell)

Shannon Etheridge Whitten

Otis Smith

William Sheppard

(Carolyn Sheppard's son)

Attendance & Stewardship

September 19, 2021

9:30 a.m. Sunday School	48
10:30 a.m. Worship	100
Weekly Need:	\$ 11,123.08
Given This Week:	\$ 6,309.00
Year to Date Need:	\$ 422,677.04
Given Year to Date:	\$ 448,958.87
Total Budget	\$ 578,400.00

The Messenger

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What is the Purpose of Spiritual Gifts?

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

1 Corinthians 12:

In 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, Paul explains that the Holy Spirit gives a wide variety of gifts. In the next section, he lists a number of specific gifts: including word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues, and interpretation of tongues. This list is meant to be illustrative and suggestive, because there are many other spiritual gifts that are not included here (see 1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:6-8).

Before mentioning several particular gifts, Paul states clearly and simply their primary purpose: "A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other" (12:7). More literally, this verse reads: "But to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the benefit [sympheron]." The NLT rightly renders the sense of the Greek is saying that gifts are given "so we can help each other." Though being empowered by the Spirit surely encourages us in our own faith, gifts are not mainly for the one who exercises them, but rather for others.

There is an implication in 1 Corinthians 12:7 that will be spelled out with greater clarity in chapter 14. If the Holy Spirit gives gifts so we can help each other, then we will experience more of the Spirit's power, not by focusing on ourselves and our experiences, but rather by focusing on others and their needs. For example, if you think it would be wonderful to experience a gift of healing, don't try to rev up some sort of spiritual enthusiasm in yourself. Rather, reach out to pray for those who are sick. Or, if you want to experience a gift of evangelism, begin to share your faith with those who don't know the Lord. Manifestations of the Spirit come when we extend ourselves to minister to others.

Help me, dear Lord, not to get so caught up in my own experience that I lose focus. Give me a heart of compassion for those in need around me. Give me courage to reach out to them. Empower me to serve, not just in my own strength, but in your power. May your gifts flow through me to others, and may you receive all the glory.

All praise be to you, O God, giver of all good gifts. Amen.