



Service for the Lord's Day
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025



Vocation of the Apostles (1481) by [Domenico Ghirlandaio](#)

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

"I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!" This Sunday at 4 p.m. at the church the fun begins. Friends, family, and neighbors are welcome to come to share Nash Family Creamery ice cream and First Prez hospitality. Maybe we will have some "cinnamon roll crunch" and some "run for the roses" or possibly "peppermint candy cane." I am sure there will be some "midnight chocolate" and "premium homemade vanilla." My mouth is watering writing about it!

Before all the NFC ice cream, we shall share in a service of worship that will include a sermon about discerning the time from Luke 12:49-56. Stability in our fickle, chaotic world comes not from trusting in our local or national government but from trusting in our steadfast God who pays such close attention to us that the number of hairs on our head are known. Jesus called the disciples to be aware of what time it was because he brought division and not peace. I'd much rather have peace! For sure in the house of faithful Jews in the time of Jesus, when a mother or a son became a Christian, there was division in the family, a mother against daughter or son against father. Jesus presented a crisis to the disciples that required that they make a choice that was going to cause division within their families. "Follow me," Jesus said, "and you will know division and not peace." This division happens today in some families. There are still divisions over faith choices. At times unity in peace cannot be found in a family or community, especially when the truth is at stake. Then careful discernment with patient prayer may be needed to move forward. Come to worship and fellowship this Sunday.

May the joy of life together fill you,

Jim



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Preparation for Worship (reading before the service for quiet meditation)

Thinking about the hard saying of today's Gospel of Luke reading, Dr. Charles B. Cousar writes: "From the beginning of Luke's story, promises of peace have been central to the presence of Jesus (1:79; 2:14; 8:48; 19:38), and peace is the message the Seventy are commissioned to preach (10:5-6). But disciples, both ancient and modern, are eager for an instant peace, a trouble-free fulfillment of the promised salvation. Jesus' words are jolting because they make it plain that there is no peace without conflict, no salvation without rejection. Jesus himself faces that at Jerusalem, and the disciples need expect nothing different. But rather than being signs of defeat, rejection and conflict are incorporated in the divine plan." (Cousar, Gaventa, McCann, and Newsome, Texts for Preaching – Year C, p. 477)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Jim Moran

(Please sign the "Friendship Pad" and make a note if you have a hymn request or information for the Pastor or church office.)

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 80:1a,3, 14-15, 18-19)

Rob Marsh

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: Restore us, O God;

Leader: Let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

People: Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;

Leader: Have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted.

People: Then we will never turn back from You; give us life, and we will call on Your name.

Leader: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

People: Let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

***Hymn**

"All Creatures Of Our God And King"

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***Call to Confession**

(1 Timothy 1: 14-15)

Leader: As sinners, we stand with the Apostle Paul and ask for the grace of our Lord to overflow for us with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

All: "This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost." It is by the grace of God that we confess our sins, praying...

*** Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of peace and judgment, You sent Jesus to be our pioneer in the faith, to blaze for us the path that leads to true life and everlasting blessing. But we are afraid to follow His way of the cross. We are more eager to avoid suffering than to embrace the joy of His rewards. Forgive us for heeding our fears, rather than Christ's call. Enable us by Your Spirit to lay aside every weight and sin that easily distracts us. Grant us the strength to run with perseverance the race that You have set before us. Then, knowing the forgiveness of our sins, grant us the vision to look to Jesus the pioneer and completion of our faith to live a joyful life.

(silent prayer of confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

(Colossians 2: 12-14)

Leader: To the church at Colosse, Paul wrote, "When you were buried with Him in baptism, you were also raised with Him through faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead.

People: And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of Your flesh, God made you alive together with Him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,

Leader: Erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross."

All: We believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Indicates standing for those who are able.**

***Gloria Patri**

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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Pastoral Prayer 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.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

Pages 226, NT Pew Bible

***Hymn** (please remain seated)

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"(vss.1,2)

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Gospel Reading

Luke 12: 49-56

Page 75, NT Pew Bible

Sermon

"Discerning the Time"

Rev. Dr. Jim Moran

***Affirmation of Faith**

"A Brief Statement of Faith" (11.1-2, 11.5-6)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Offertory

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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***Charge**

(Ephesians 5: 1-2)

Leader: Open wide your hearts in mercy and love.

People: By God's generous mercy, we have become the children of God.

Leader: God sends us out to share the mercy and love of God with all people.

***Benediction**

(Romans 15: 5-6)

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Postlude**



Memorials



In Memory of Carolyn Simmons Matusek a Donation to the Greg Garner Fund was made by:

Doak Howell Funeral Homes

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Randy & Barbara Owen



The Book Club is meeting on

**Friday, August 29th,
9:30am at**

Never Rest Park.

**They will be discussing
"The Rent Collector"
By Camron Wright.**



Rally Day, Sunday, September 7

Join us as we kick off our Sunday School season with breakfast beginning at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

ALL are welcome to attend!

And for those of you who "would be happy to bring something" here's your opportunity!! The Faith Development Committee would love to have additional volunteers bringing breakfast foods to share!



Calendar

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Time for Fellowship 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am
Ice Cream Social 4:00pm

Monday, August 18, 2025

Sermon Roundtable 10:00am
Session Meeting 5:30pm

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, August 21, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, August 22, 2025

AA Meeting 1:00pm

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Time for Fellowship 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am

Monday, August 25, 2025

Sermon Roundtable 10:00am

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, August 28, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, August 29, 2025

Office is Closed

AA Meeting 1:00pm



August 17 Reed Emerson

August 17 Lowry Ann Marsh

August 18 Bea Marsh

August 20 Ashley Segroves

August 22 Walker Craig

August 27 Taylor Smith



LCDR Andy Canady (Member)

Airman Chase Blanton (Member)

Airman Caleb Fletcher (Grandson of Susan Spears)

Pvt. Oscar Taylor Helen Garner's Great-Great Nephew)

Airman Anna Powell (Melanie Hamilton's Great Niece)

WO1 John & WO1 Carlee Moran

(Nephew & Niece of Jim & Denise Moran)

Those in Military Service and their families.

Those who are serving abroad and at home.



If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at (931)684-6541 or send an email to first.pres.church600@gmail.com.



Melanie Abraham (Brent Canady's Cousin)

Jenny Baker Barber (Ginger Shofner's cousin)

Frieda Bone (Member)

Mary Brown (Member)

Donna Cox (Tommy Anderton's Sister)

Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)

Kay Earhart (Friend of the Canady's)

Bill Garner (Helen Garner's Brother-in-law)

Cliff Garrard (Member)

Barbara Heuer (Raychelle Flannagan's Aunt)

Edwin Holcombe (Member)

Fred Hunt (Member)

Mike Jenne (Raychelle Flannagan's Brother In-Law)

Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

Evie Marsh (Church Family)

Family & Friends of Carolyn Matusek (Member)

Tony Matusek (Member)

Mary Helen Maupin (Former Member)

Family & Friends of Ruth Parsons (Blair Turner's Grandmother)

Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)

Barbara Singleton (Member)

Family & Friends of Margaret Smith (Member)

Barbara Steinke (Member)

Jeremiah Thomas (Pat Thomas' Grandson)

Doug Treadway (Member)

Megan Wallace (Jim Flannagan's Sister)

Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)

Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family/Friend)



Ushers/Greeters
Pat Marsh
Willie & Debbie Snell
Pat Thomas
 Lay Liturgist
Rob Marsh

Sunday, August 17, 2025

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
Mary Marsh
 Acolyte
Mary Ruth Marsh

Children's Church
Christy Jensen
 Nursery
Bea Marsh
 Flowers

Ushers/Greeters
James & Lori Smith
Grace Wilhelm
Charlotte Williams
 Lay Liturgist
Brent Canady

Sunday, August 24, 2025

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
Terry Saylor
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Belinda Craig
 Nursery
Debbie Snell
 Flowers

Ushers/Greeters
Brent Canady
Jim & Kathy Ikard
Kristin Wilhelm
 Lay Liturgist:
Charlotte Williams

Sunday, August 31, 2025

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
James Smith

Children's Church
Sandy Yount
 Nursery
Katherine Marsh
 Flowers

Ushers/Greeters
Belinda Craig
Helen Garner
Bailey & Trena Little
 Lay Liturgist
Pat Marsh
 Communion Prep:
 Communion Servers:

Sunday, September 07, 2025

A Time for Young Christians
Pastor Jim Moran
 Hall Monitor
Willie Snell
 Acolyte
Connie & Aaron Crafton

Children's Church
Kristin Wilhelm
 Nursery
Lisa Turner
 Flowers



If you know of someone that is homebound and they would like to receive communion. Please contact the church office.



Children's Sunday School Teachers - Your help is needed!

We are asking for volunteers to sign up for just one month of Sundays to spend time with and teach the precious children of our church. You may sign up to teach by yourself, teach as a couple, or teach with a friend. Curriculum will be provided.

We have two classes - PreK - 2nd Grade and 3rd - 5th grade.

Reach out to Christy Jensen, or any member of the Faith Development Committee to volunteer or with any questions. There will also be sign-up sheets available in the sanctuary.

Children's Church Leaders - Your help is needed!

We need additional volunteers for our Children's Church ministry! You pick the Sunday!

Curriculum will be provided. Reach out to Christy Jensen, or any member of the Faith Development Committee to volunteer or with any questions. There will also be sign-up sheets available in the sanctuary.