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Weekly Announcements & Worship Guide for October 25, 2026

As always, thank you for worshipping in body or spirit as a part of this congregation. Thank you for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. This weekly mailing includes this Sunday's worship guide, announcements, and prayer lists. Please join in praying for our worship, mission, and ministries.

Who We Are & What We Do

Vision statement – *We are followers of Jesus, seeking the loving, just and free world God imagines for all people.*

Mission priorities – *Multiply Jesus followers ... Champion children and youth ... Maximize care and healing ... Pursue and embrace diversity ... Tell our story.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charge Conference Season

- **District Charge Conference** – date change to Sunday, November 8th at 4pm, St. Paul UMC, Abilene

Mission Projects

- **Served 15 families** during October's Food Pantry
- **Collecting paper products** for the November's Food Pantry

Ongoing Ministry Opportunities

- **Sunday worship:** 10:30am; **Sunday School:** 9:30am
- **Women's Group** – Next gathering: **November 9 at 2:00 pm**
- **Lunch and Levity** – 12:00 pm every Tuesday. Next gathering: **October 27**
- **Bridge Community** – Monthly meeting each second Tuesday, 6 pm.
- **3rd Wednesday Food Pantry** – 3:30-5:30 pm (Set up at 3:00 pm) Next food pantry – **November 18**
- Signup to bring canned goods for **Thanksgiving Meal Boxes** to be distributed to 30 Food Pantry families
- **Bangs High School Sports 2026-27** radio advertising broadcasted on KOXE 101.3fm

WORSHIP GUIDE for October 25, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

HYMN – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning

bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.

God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee;

Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.

Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL VERSION**

UMH 881

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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

***BLESSING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

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

HYMN –*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

UMH 277

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

OLD TESTAMENT - *Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17*

This is God's Word Thanks be to God

HYMN –*For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;

Refrain

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; *Refrain*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; *Refrain*

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering upon every shore her pure sacrifice of love; *Refrain*

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: *Refrain*

***GOSPEL READING - Matthew 13:31-33**

This is the Word of God for the People of God **Thanks be to God**

SERMON – “Suitcase, Mustard? Seeds & The Kingdom of Heaven”

Rev. Corey Moses

CLOSING HYMN – *Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us,
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

***BENEDICTION**

References

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PRAYER LISTS as of October 22, 2026

- Faith to end unrest, conflict, & wars
- Our neighbors in need & those we serve
- Students, teachers, & school staff at all levels

Recent requests / updates (*bold print – new or updated*)

- **Gilkey family on the passing of Stephanie's sister, Odessa Allen in Arkansas**
- **Simon Howard, brother of Stephanie Gilkey – recovering at home**
- Marsha Rollins – cancer
- Peyton Reeves
- **Marcus Gilkey –being deployed**
- **Prayers of Stephanie Gilkey -relief from headaches**
- Johanna Gonzales and family
- Wendi Sarto, neighbor – health issues
- Daniel Morales, neighbor – health issues
- Chip Carpenter, nephew of Betty Martin – recovery from brain surgery & radiation treatments
- Continuing prayers for Carpenter family
- Finn, great grandson of Ann Baugh – home from the hospital, getting his strength back
- Rick & Tara Lange – job opportunities; Robertson family on the death of Mrs. Robertson

Pantry Prayers

September Prayers

- **Debra Eisen**
- Please pray for peace in my mind and heart. I lost my son Khayman on Dec 15, 2025—not long age-really having a hard time. Thanks, **Shauna F.**
- **Jim Summers** undergoing medical testing
- **Joanna Henderson** – prayers for heart and lungs to keep working

September Prayers

- Prayers for my family and new baby's coming – **Francine Cardenas**
- For my son, **AJ Sandoval**, Kyle, TX who will be having surgery in two weeks
- For my family and friends for their health and finances
- **Dorothy Kissire** - cancer

Ongoing prayers – A.J. (Peacock's grandson); Arduini Family; Keith Baldwin (Ann Baugh's grandson); Brian Campbell; Tim Campbell; Lynda Dabbs; Hood & Jo Dendy; Patsy Delarosa (niece of the Dodsons); Billy Lee; Ann Long; Taff Family members (neighbors); Donna & Alan Ulrich; Kathy Weatherford