A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children's Time, preschool through 5th grade is invited to **Children's Church** in the Children's Wing.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Helen Woodrum by Mike and Cynthia Woodrum.

Prayer Requests: Tim Durham, Dale Fischer, Matt Gilley, Martha Greenlee, Cathy Hanks, David Holder, Toni Holder, Jack Lewis, Connie Long, Myra Morrison, Marie O'Dell, Rita Petoskey, Beverly Rakestraw, Ann Towery, Shelley Winkler, Lee Helen Youmans

Our mission focus for this month is Kairos Prison Ministry. We are collecting cookies for their next event at Tyger River Correctional Facility. Acceptable cookies are chocolate chip, molasses, ginger, and sugar. Please no icing or any other coating on the outside of the cookies. Cookies must be at the church by Sunday, November 1. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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Online Giving

Week of October 4

Worship Attendance	156
Gifts to Budget	$7,513
Goal per Week	$14,255
Year-to-date Budget Goal	$570,191
Year-to-date Budget Received	$396,177

Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Youth Minister

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October 11, 2026 **20th Sunday after Pentecost**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"Overture"* G.F. Handel

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn, heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

We long for resurrection found in Christ.

Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty, longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

We come seeking resurrection found through Christ.

Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections, moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

We come proclaiming resurrection found with Christ.

Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us and calls us to work together as we travel God's road together.

We gather to be resurrected by Christ in worship today. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* UMH 140

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Psalter Reading *Psalm 106* UMH 829

Offering

Offertory *"Thou Art Worthy"* arr. Cindy Berry

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* UMH 526

During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *"He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need"* arr. Bruce Greer

Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Reading Matthew 22: 1-14

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those
who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other
slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen
and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding
banquet.' 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business,
6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged.
He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his
slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main
streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 10 Those slaves went out into
the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was
filled with guests. 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who
was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here
without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants,
'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

Sermon Rev. Brad Gray

*Hymn *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* UMH 127

*Benediction

*Postlude *"The Lord's My Shepherd"* James L. Bain

*Please stand as able