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 Annamaria Fletcher on her birthday by her mother, Renee Johnson, her sister, Autumn Fletcher, and her grandmother, Pat Peterson.

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 next Sunday, November 1. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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Online Giving

Week of October 18

Worship Attendance	158
Gifts to Budget	$8,955
Goal per Week	$14,255
Year-to-date Budget Goal	$598,700
Year-to-date Budget Received	$413,972

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

Brad Gray
Pastor

Chad Deetz
Youth Minister

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October 25, 2026 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"* Arthur H. Messiter

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Show us your ways, O Lord! Lead us in your truth and teach us.
Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will and follow it.
Reveal your vision for us and keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do.
Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose and move us forward into your future. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* UMH 117

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

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Psalter Reading *Psalm 90* UMH 809

Offering

Offertory *"Grace"* Carolyn Hamlin

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"* UMH 420

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 *"Lord of the Wind and the Sea"* Lloyd Larson

Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Reading Matthew 22: 34-46

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,
35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which
commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest
and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." 41 Now while the
Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 42 "What do you think of
the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them,
"How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44 'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? 45 "If David thus calls him
Lord, how can he be his son?" 46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day
did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Sermon *"The Humility to Love"* Rev. Brad Gray

*Hymn *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* UMH 557

*Benediction

*Postlude *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* Martin Luther

**Please stand as able*