# **WORSHIP SERVICE**

September 8, 2024

**Prelude** 

Sam Taber

Welcome

#### **Opening Hymns**

I Know Whom I Have Believed (#527) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#11)

**Prayer** 

**Special Music** Jeff Brown

#### **Worship Songs**

(*Philippians 3:3, 7-8*) Soul on Fire (I Corinthians 13:9, 12-13) One Thing Remains (Philippians 3:10-12) Knowina You

#### Message

Pastor Thom Christian

#### Closing Song

Just a Closer Walk with Thee (#564)

**Benediction** 

**G880** 

Following our service, someone will be available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you or to simply hear your heart, should you wish.

#### **OUR VISION AND MISSION**

To be a biblically mature, grace-based church. We will accomplish our vision by: Reaching Up

through worship, exaltation, and prayer; Reaching In

through preaching, teaching, and fellowship; **Reaching Out** 

through evangelism, missions, and social outreach,

that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

### **ALWAYS HAS, ALWAYS WILL**

Thanks so much for worshipping with us today. As you leave, please go with the knowledge that God loves you! He always has; He always will. No matter what's gone wrong in your life, He'll accept you just as you are—no questions asked. He loves you, period! All He asks is your love in return. So today-right now-why not tell Jesus in your own words that you love Him. When you do, He promises to give you His peace, begin a beautiful change in you, and that He'll always be there for you—always has, always will!

#### **CHURCH PERSONNEL**

AV ...... Ben Shaner, Kat Kennedy, Sam Taber, Beverly Funk, Sam Frazier, Bernie Anderson Auditor.....Len Peterson Benevolence Fund...... Bruce MacGregor Caring~Connection Team ..... Lee Kennedy Communion Preparation...... Nancy Watkins Compassion Ministry ...... Jerri Dempster Council .. Susan Kifer, Richard Frazier, Ben Shaner Bob Kennedy, Bruce MacGregor, Pastors Dinner for Eight ...... Jerri Dempster Facilities ......Richard Frazier Kitchen Ministry.. Phyllis Forsythe, Sue Bennett, Brenda Berube, Lee Kennedy, Pam Knapp Library (Adults)..... Sarah Charles Library (Children) ...... Bev Funk Missions ...... Shirley Lymburner Offering Table ...... Church Office Operation Christmas Child ...... The Petersons Photographer ...... Genie Bennett Prayer Chain ...... Church Office Secretary/Clerk .......Karen Heidebrink Treasurer ...... John Kifer Trustees Trust Funds . Bruce MacGregor, Mal Cook Ushers/Greeters......Jane Cook, Heidi Peterson Worship .... Karen Heidebrink and Worship Team

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Office Hours: Mon-Thur, 9 AM-12 PM

"A Passion for God, Compassion for People"

# A WORD TO OUR VISITORS

We are so happy that you have joined us this morning! Our hope and prayer is that you will feel welcomed and encouraged as we worship our God, learn from His Word, and experience His love to begin a wonderful week.

If we can help you in any way, please let us know. We are here to serve you.

If you fill out an Information Card, located in the pews, and drop it in an offering box, we can send you additional information of our church.

Thank you so much for being our guest!

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Today** 10:00 AM Worship Service Live Streaming Kidz' Zone Nursery (ages 0-3) Mon 12-1:00 PM AA **Tues** 12-1:00 PM AA Wed 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 12-1:00 PM 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 8:30 AM Morning Men's Group Thur 12-1:00 PM Fri 12-1:00 PM AA

# **SERMON NOTES**

"NEW CLOTHES FOR OLD" (Philippians 3:4-12) Pastor Thom Christian

I think all of us at some time or another put on "masks" to fit the occasion—"coats" to cover the real us. Well today, let's look at what some of those coats and masks may be, and then how we can take them off to become the person God has called us to be. And the first is:

- RECOGNITION
- --Right Birth
- -- Right Nationality
- -- Right Family
- -- Right Religion
- --Right Vocation
- -- Right Activity
- **REJECTION**
- --Coat Rejection=Cost
- **RECEPTION** 
  - --New Intimacy, New Power, New Purpose, New Hope

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 FOR WOMEN: All women are invited to this special event with speaker Sue Christian on Saturday, September 21st, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in the church fellowship hall. Light refreshments will be provided. Please sign up in the fellowship hall.

THIS FALL, WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will focus on discipleship, using the popular "Colossians 2:7 Series." This foundational Biblical verse reads, "Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thanksgiving." That's a disciple! Three separate workbooks are used for this course: Growing Strong, Deepening Your Roots and Bearing Fruit. No matter where you are in your faith journey, there is much to gain. This series is about growing up in the family of God and discovering your place in His plan. Participants will learn to memorize key verses, dig deeper into Bible passages, and enjoy discussing short Bible studies included in the workbooks. It will be well worth your time and effort. It begins Wednesday, September 11, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The first workbook is \$9.

MORNING MEN'S GROUP begins this Thursday, September 12, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited for coffee, donuts, and a round table discussion led by Pastor Dave.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CARING~CONNECTION is on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who is interested in being part of this ministry is welcome to attend.

WE ARE NO LONGER COLLECTING FLIP TABS for David's House. The Sew Blessed quilt ministry to benefit David's House has ended. Thank you to all who have contributed to this ministry!