

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Worship Service.....10:45 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 23 6-7PM
Sunday, August 30 6-7PM
Sunday, September 6 6-7PM
Sunday, September 20 6-7PM
Sunday, October 4 6-7PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Session Meeting | Church Building | September 16th
Church Camping Trip | Outflow Campground | September 18th, 19th

Nursery Worker Schedule

Sunday, August 23.....Megan Green and Sam Long
Sunday, August 30.....Cynthia Brooks and Lindsay Downs
Sunday, September 6.....Jessica Hovingh and Chris Cook

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Elders

John Downs, *Teaching Elder*
Bob Niichel, *Ruling Elder, Clerk*
Nathan Harlan, *Ruling Elder*

Deacons

Brady Hillegas
Dave Felton



Celebrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ
in Worship, Community & Mission

Morning Worship
August 23, 2026

Q1 2026	Q2 2026	YTD 2026
\$ 64,404.00	\$ 51,531.00	\$ 115,935.00
\$ 7,068.00	\$ (5,805.00)	\$ 1,263.00

Mercy Giving



***We are so glad that you have joined us today
to worship the Triune God!***

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”
2 Peter 3:18*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-9

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Be Thou My Vision
All Glory Be To Christ

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin." Exodus 20:12–20

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 51:7 "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Psalm 8

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

"Strength and Portion Forever" Psalm 73:1-28 by Rev. John Downs

WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

†SONG OF RESPONSE

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able

Sermon Notes

Title: "Strength and Portion Forever" by Rev. John Downs

Text: Psalm 73:1-28

How do we walk the Christian life when what we believe and what see aren't lining up? We look to God's covenantal faithfulness as our strength and portion.

I. Covenantal context v. 1-3

II. Covenantal challenge v. 4-15

III. Covenantal confidence v. 16-28

Application – *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves"* (James 1:22).

Our responsibility, by God's grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God's Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?