

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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

## SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20 6-7PM  
Sunday, October 4 6-7PM  
Sunday, October 18 6-7PM  
Sunday, November 1 6-7PM  
Sunday, November 15 6-7PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Nursery Worker Schedule

Sunday, September 20.....Becky Jackson and Corrie Garrett  
Sunday, September 27.....Sarah DeNeui and Becky Powers  
Sunday, October 4.....Roudell Rhodes and Carmen Niichel  
Sunday, October 11.....Peter Green and Mary Felton

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### Elders

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

### Deacons

Brady Hillegas  
Dave Felton

**Morning Worship**  
**September 20, 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!***



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

*“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 96:1-9

#### **†PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

#### **†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG**

Blessed Assurance

Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

#### **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. 2 Timothy 3:1–7

#### **SILENT CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Ephesians 2:12–13 “remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

#### **†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG**

Psalm 31

#### **†CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism #31 and #32

#### **WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING**

Who Is This So Weak And Helpless?

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD**

“The Character and Control of Christ” 2 Timothy 2:1-13 by Rev. John Downs

#### **WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

#### **†SONG OF RESPONSE**

In Christ Alone

#### **†BENEDICTION**

#### **†DOXOLOGY**

+ Congregation standing, as you are able

# Sermon Notes

**Title:** “Character and Control of Christ” by Rev. John Downs

**Text:** 2 Timothy 2:1-13

**The preaching needs to have the character and control of Christ.**

I. The character of Christ v. 1-4

II. The control of Christ v. 5-13

**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?