

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 1 6-7PM
Sunday, November 15 6-7PM
Sunday, December 6 6-7PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 28 6:30-7:45pm Men's/Women's Bible Study at church
Wednesday, November 4 6:30-7:45pm Men's/Women's Bible Study at church
Saturday, November 7 Meeting of the New River Presbytery

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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

Lord's Day Worship
October 25, 2026

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

Quarterly Giving Report	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	YTD 2026
Giving Received	\$ 64,404.00	\$ 51,531.00	\$ 111,217.85		\$ 227,152.85
Giving Over/(Under)	\$ 7,068.00	\$ (5,805.00)	\$ 53,881.85		\$ 55,144.85

Mercy Giving



*"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 29:1-11

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Only A Holy God

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

It is enough, O Lord! For never was there a nation that so horribly abused and scorned your gospel as we have done. And we still do. You would be right if you took away our peace, and gave it to a nation that would bring forth its fruits. For years you have come to look for fruit, but you found none- only leaves. Or no, you did not find leaves. For our wickedness is now so obvious that everyone can see, to our shame, how we only ever received the gospel to cover over our covetousness, ambition, and crude pleasures and appetites. Dear Father, do not cut us down yet. Let the sweet figs of your sweet gospel remain with us. Dig around us, and lay down fertilizer. So then we will, I trust, bring forth fruit to the praise of your name. Do not allow the wicked to say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in heaven, and you may do whatever you like. So turn us to yourself, O Lord. Save us, and continue your gospel and faith among us. For your Son's sake, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 107:6-7 "Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in."

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #39 and #40

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

He Will Hold Me Fast

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

"The Wealth and the Wrath of the King" Esther 1:1-22 by Rev. John Downs

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

†SONG OF RESPONSE

Psalm 23

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

+ Congregation standing, as you are able

Sermon Notes

Title: "The Wealth and the Wrath of the King" by Rev. John Downs

Text: Esther 1:1-22

History and human hearts are controlled by a sovereign God, not the wealth nor the wrath of a king.

I. The king's wealth v. 1-9

II. The king's wrath v. 9-22

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?