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

Sunday, November 8 12:30pm Fellowship Meal

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

Deacons
Brady Hillegas
Dave Felton

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

MERCY CHURCH

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

Morning Worship
November 1, 2026

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 33:1-12

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG
Psalm 24
Rock of Ages

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
Father of heaven, Son of God, Redeemer of the world, and Holy Spirit who proceeds from them both, three persons and one God-have mercy on me, a miserable sinner.I have offended heaven and earth, more than my tongue can express. So where do I go, and where do I flee for relief? I am ashamed to lift up my eyes to heaven, and in earth I find no refuge. So what do I do? Lose hope? Give up? God forbid. O God, you are merciful. You never turn away anyone who comes to you for help. So I run to you. I humble myself before you. My sins are great, but have mercy on me for your great mercy. You did not become a man for our small offenses. You did not give up your Son to death just for small sins, but for all and the greatest sins of the world, so sinners could return to you in their hearts— as I am doing right now. So have mercy on me, O Lord. Although my sins are great, yet your mercy is greater. I crave nothing, O Lord, on my own account. This is for your name's sake, to make it holy, and for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come! Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Psalm 103:10–12 "He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG
Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

†CONFESSION OF FAITH
The Apostles' Creed

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING
Who Is This So Weak And Helpless?

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD
"The Choice of the Queen" Esther 2:1-23 by Rev. John Downs

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

†SONG OF RESPONSE
For All The Saints

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able

Sermon Notes

Title: "The Choice of the Queen" by Rev. John Downs
Text: Esther 2:1-23

All human choices are under the sovereign direction of our Almighty God.

I. The choice of a new queen v. 1-18

II. The choice of the new queen v. 19-23

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?