



August 11, 2024

Prelude ..... “The Solid Rock”  
Paula Joye, organ

Welcome, Invocation ..... Rev. Robert Mitchell

Call to Worship and Praise: “King of Kings”  
“I Speak Jesus”  
Infinite Mercy, Sanctuary Choir, Congregation

Offertory Prayer .....Joyce Stewart

Offertory..... “Blessed Assurance”  
Paula Joye and Gail Medlin, piano

Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”.....No. 253

Blessing of the Backpacks and Prayer .....Rev. White

Worship in Song: “Be Strong in the Lord” .....No.476

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:1-9 .....Lynn Alexander

Worship in Song.....“Indescribable”  
Sanctuary Choir, Infinite Mercy, Congregation

Message: *Be Strong and Courageous* ..... Rev. Laura White

Invitation .....Rev. White

Hymn of Decision: “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” .....No. 411

Benediction .....Rev. White

Closing Chorus.....“Grace”

Postlude.....“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”  
Gail Medlin, piano

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**Children/Youth Promotion  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
Sunday, August 11**

During the last fifteen minutes of Sunday School, the children and youth who are advancing to new classes will meet their teachers. All students are asked to bring their backpacks to Worship. We will have a special prayer for students, teachers, and staff returning to school.

**Deacon Election Cycle  
Sunday, August 11**

Candidates Meet with the Diaconate Officers and Administrator in the Fellowship Classroom Following Worship

**Monday, August 12**  
Deadline to Accept or Decline Nomination (Written) and Turn in Digital Picture and Information Sheet to  
Kathy Green

**Sunday, August 18**  
Photographs of Candidates Available at the Entrances to the Sanctuary

**Sunday, August 25**  
Vote on Deacons during Worship Service

**Monday, August 26**  
Deacon Orientation - 5:30 P.M.  
Election of Officers - 6:30 P.M.

**Sunday, September 1**  
Ordination/Commissioning 11:00 A.M.

**The Record Speaks  
August 4**

Weekly Needs: \$12,468.62  
General Fund Receipts: \$11,271.30  
Building Fund Receipts: \$1,434.00  
Building Fund Receipts To Date: \$70,514.73

**Lead Pastor Search Team Updates**

◆ **Information Available**

Information about our Lead Pastor Candidate’s background and experience is available at entrances to the Sanctuary. Please read and pray about the upcoming Town Hall on this Thursday, August 15 and the Trial Sermon and Vote next Sunday.

**Calendar**

**Sunday, August 11**  
Time of Prayer..... 9:00  
Infinite Mercy Rehearsal ..... 9:00  
Coffee ..... 9:30  
Sunday School ..... 9:45  
Promotion of Children and Youth  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... 10:35  
Worship Service ..... 11:00  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
Deacon Candidates/Leaders Meet . 12:00

**Monday, August 12**  
Deadline to Accept/Decline Deacon Nomination

**Tuesday, August 13**  
Bike Ministry..... 8:00  
Staff Meeting ..... 11:00  
Stitchers and Sowers Ministry..... 1:15  
Scouts ..... 6:30

**Wednesday, August 14**  
Infinite Mercy Rehearsal ..... 5:00  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:30

**Thursday, August 15**  
Prayer Shawl Ministry ..... 10:30  
Church Town Hall ..... 6:00

**Friday, August 16**  
Prayer Warriors ..... 9:30  
**Church Office Closed**

**Nursery, August 11**  
**Please arrive no later than 10:35 A.M.**  
Helen Robinson, Kimberly Kibbe  
Gail Crocker, Greeter  
Rylee Foster, Youth Helper

**Deacons on Call, August 11-17**  
Steve Kibbe, Tony Shaw

**Pastors on Call**  
August 9-11 Robert Mitchell, 864-597-3966  
August 16-18 Laura White, 828-447-2175

◆ **Information to Be Sent by Email**

This week, church members will receive the Lead Pastor Candidate’s cover letter, resume, biographical sketch, answers to the Search Team’s questions, and a copy of booklet he has written. If you need paper copies, please contact the Church Office.

◆ **Town Hall Scheduled  
Thursday, August 15  
6:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall**

We are excited to announce that you will have the opportunity to meet our Lead Pastor Candidate. Give your questions to any member of the Search Team **no later than Tuesday, August 13**. Questions from the floor will be also be entertained.

◆ **Trial Sermon and Vote  
Sunday, August 18 11:00 A.M.**

Our Pastoral Candidate will preach his trial sermon, *An Anchor That Holds*, during the Worship Service next Sunday. I Peter 1:22-29 will serve as his text. Immediately following the sermon, the congregation will vote on whether to call him to Morningside as our Lead Pastor.

**Sample Ballot for Vote on  
Pastoral Candidate August 18, 2024**

Do you approve of the Diaconate and the Lead Pastor Search Team’s recommendation to call the Candidate to serve as Lead Pastor?

\_\_\_ YES, I approve of the Search Team’s recommendation to call the Candidate to serve as Lead Pastor with the following provisos:

- ◆ That the Candidate successfully obtains licensing and ordination to the Gospel Ministry within six months from the date of membership at Morningside.
- ◆ That the Lead Pastor Search Team, having heard the Candidate’s testimony, acts as the Ad-Hoc Committee in “licensing” the Candidate. This will also serve as the notice of a church-wide vote for licensing approval.
- ◆ That the Ministerial Staff proceeds with forming the Ordination Council, which ordains the Candidate to the Gospel Ministry as outlined in the Church By-laws. This serves as a notice of a church-wide vote to form the Council.
- ◆ That the Council recommends Ordination to the Deacons—after examining the Candidate. Upon Deacon approval, the church will vote to ordain the Candidate.

\_\_\_ No, I disapprove of the recommendation to call the Candidate to serve as Lead Pastor of Morningside.