

Sunday Worship

September 22, 2024, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: The Pursuit of Wisdom

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "God is Our Refuge" Robert J. Powell

Welcome & Announcements (see insert)

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 147*

Leader: Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

People: **The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

People: **He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.**

Leader: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

People: **The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.

People: **He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.**

***Opening Hymn** "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Brother Jesus, we thank you for your presence here today. We come here to worship you, and to gather in fellowship with the Church Family that you have so richly blessed us with. We know that this is a gift, to meet together as your family. This is not a burden. This is not an item to "check off our list" as simply a "thing that good Christians do." This is a gift. Please allow our worship to be an outpouring of our faith in you. May our efforts to be present here today simply be a reflection of our hearts. Our faith is alive because

we are here today. We thank you, and we love you. We pray all of this in the faith that you who you say you are, and that you are a Savior with worshipping. Amen.

Words of Assurance Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [James 3:13-4:10](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Mark 9:30-37](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message Wisdom from Above

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "We Walk By Faith" TFWS #2196
(v. 1-3)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts

***Doxology**

Offering Prayer (Unison)

In the words of the Psalmist;

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul...

In the peace that only You can provide, may we offer these gifts to you, humbly, for Your work in this world. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "He Has Made Me Glad" TFWS #2270
(sing twice)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Humble Thyself in the TFWS #2131
Sight of the Lord"
(sing twice)

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Gail Mas

Coming Up:

September 29th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word in the Gospel of Mark ([Mark 9:38-50](#)) - Casting out demons and hacking off body parts - What can go wrong?!? 😊

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



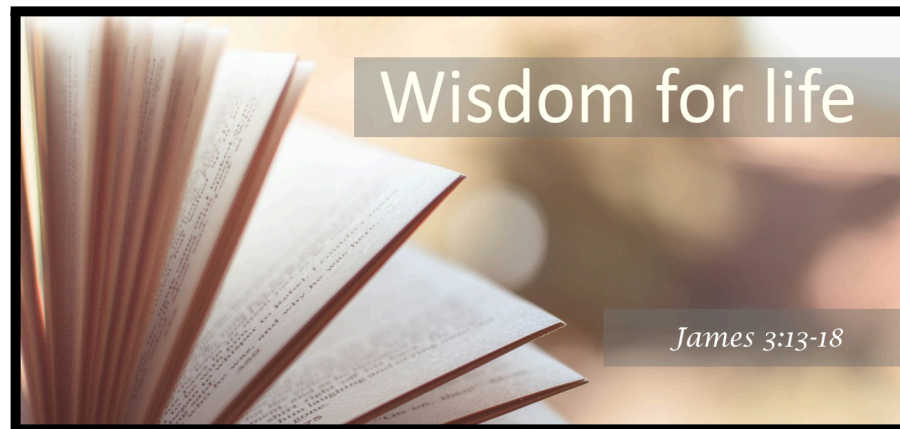
[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"