

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, August 31, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Reading of Psalm 100:1-5

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Congregation: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

Congregation: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*** We Sing in Response:** #164 Red Hymnal "*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*"

* We Seek God's Presence in Prayer

We Confess Our Sins Together : Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: 1 Corinthians 1:18

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #318 Black Hymnal "*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*"

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** O God, we bless you for the happy moment when we first saw your law fulfilled in Christ, wrath appeased, death destroyed, sin forgiven, our souls saved. Ever since, you have been faithful to us: daily have we proved the power of Jesus' blood, daily have we known the strength of the Spirit, our teacher, director, sanctifier. We want no other rock to build upon than that we have, desire no other hope than that of gospel truth, need no other look than that which gazes on the cross. May our cry be always, Only Jesus! only Jesus! In him is freedom from condemnation, fullness in his righteousness, eternal vitality in his given life, everlasting union in fellowship with him; In him we have all that we can hold; enlarge us to take in more of Christ! –

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We Read From God's Word: 1 Corinthians 2

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: *Romans 8:14-15* For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal "*Doxology*"

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #35 Black Hymnal "*O Great God*"

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Acts 18:1-11

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*The Key to Resilient, Fruitful Ministry*"
- Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #642 Red Hymnal "*Be Thou My Vision*"

* **The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**

Sermon Outline
Acts 18:1-11
“The Key to a Resilient, Fruitful Ministry”
08-31-25

Proposition: *The key to being resilient and fruitful in gospel ministry is contained in the presence and promises of God with an emphasis and occupation in His word.*

Main Point One: Paul’s Departure

Sub Point One: From Athens to Corinth

Sub Point Two: Meets Aquilla and Priscilla

Sub Point Three: Persuading the Jews in the Synagogue

Main Point Two: Paul’s Occupation

Sub Point One: A Man of ‘Many Hats’

Sub Point Two: Silas and Timothy Arrive from Macedonia

Sub Point Three: Paul’s Testimony.... “Jesus is the Christ”

Sub Point Four: The Jews “Revile” Paul

Sub Point Five: Paul’s Response

Main Point Three: Paul’s Vision

Sub Point One: The Lord’s Revelation

Sub Point Two: The Lord’s Promise

Sub Point Three: Paul’s “Stay” in Corinth