



The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.  
\*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.  
Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”  
by Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Colossians 1:15-17  
Come and worship Christ,  
**the visible image of the invisible God,**  
firstborn of creation,  
**eternal God,**  
the one through whom all things were created,  
**and in whom all things are held together.**  
Alive forever!  
**God with us!**

\*SONG OF WORSHIP #104—vv. 1, 3-5 “Hidden Christ, Alive Forever”  
Tune: W ZLOBIE LEZY #221

PRAYER OF CONFESSION “I Lift Up Mine Eyes”  
by Allen Pote  
*Listen to these words as they are sung by the choir:*  
*“I lift up mine eyes to the hills, and I wonder from where comes my help?”*  
*What do you wonder? What weighs on your heart?*  
*What worry keeps circling in your mind?*  
*The choir’s song will be followed by a moment of silence*  
*for continued reflection and confession.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Profession of Faith

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE  
Congregation, bless your children.  
**You are God’s beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.**

\*SONG OF PREPARATION “Ask the Complicated Questions”—vv. 1-3  
Words: David Bjorlin; Tune: STUTTGART #677  
**Ask the complicated questions,**  
**do not fear to be found out;**  
**for our God makes strong our weakness,**  
**forging faith in fires of doubt.**

**Seek the disconcerting answers,**  
**follow where the Spirit blows;**  
**test competing truths for wisdom,**  
**for in tension new life grows.**

**Knock on doors of new ideas,**  
**test assumptions long grown stale;**  
**for Christ calls from shores of wonder,**  
**daring us to try and fail.**

SCRIPTURE & SERMON John 1:35-39  
Jesus’ Holy Questions

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

SONG OF THANKSGIVING “Ask the Complicated Questions”—v. 4  
**For in struggle we discover**  
**truth both simple and profound;**  
**in the knocking, asking, seeking.**  
**we are opened, answered, found.**

*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary*  
*are brought forward as a sign of our response to God’s call on our lives.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE “We Seek You with Our Questions”  
Words: Hannah C. Brown; Tune: FOREST GREEN #540

**We seek you with our questions, God,**  
**with open heart and mind;**  
**we long to live a fresher life**  
**and leave our past behind,**  
**for all that we have known before**  
**has faded and grown worn.**  
**We seek you with our questions, God,**  
**that we might be reborn.**

**We wonder why things come to pass**  
**and how to come alive.**  
**Where do your living waters flow?**  
**How can dry bones revive?**  
**Who are you, God, who meet us here**  
**with wisdom and with sign?**  
**We seek you with our questions, God,**  
**we yearn for truth divine.**

**We search for you in garden green**  
**where once you gave us birth;**  
**We search for you in desert parched**  
**and all throughout the earth.**  
**With wonder, worry, doubt, and awe**  
**we search through night and day.**  
**We seek you with our questions, God,**  
**at home and far away.**

**You seek us with your questions, God,**  
**inviting us to dare**  
**to know you and to love you more,**  
**to grow through act and prayer.**  
**“Who will you trust and follow now?**  
**My truth is all around.”**  
**You seek us with your questions, God,**  
**you seek and we are found.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”  
*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle,*  
*blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,**  
**and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.**  
**My friends, may you grow in grace,**  
**and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.**  
**To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**  
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\*POSTLUDE “Procession” by C. S. Lang  
THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died and was buried;**  
**he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again;**  
**he ascended into heaven,**  
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**  
**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**



THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A **SECOND**  
Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?

Welcome--we're so glad you've come to worship with us! If you're looking for a church to call your own, we hope you'll return another Sunday to get to know us even better. SRC values history and tradition as well as creativity and innovation. We try not to take ourselves too seriously. Most of all, we're a congregation where anyone can belong just as they are. God welcomes all. And so do we.

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THANK YOU!

We extend a special thank you to Sophia Vanden Bosch, Jon Witt, Nicole Green, Jordan Vande Kamp, and Jackie Greenlee for leading in worship today. We are grateful for their willingness to lend their voices to the questions of Jesus.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF November 9, 2025

TODAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Take a Second Look - Room 103
- 12:00 pm Pizza Lunch
- 2:30 pm High School Youth Group
- 4:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

MONDAY

- 6:30 pm Council Meetings

TUESDAY

- 2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation

WEDNESDAY

- 3:45 pm Second Kids
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service
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**Greeters:** Sherril Graham

Next Week:

**Nursery:** Liz Wilner, Neriah Hardeman

Next Week: Keane Allen

**Storyteller:** Rinnah Hardeman, Ann Visser

Next Week: Annie Foscett

**Barista:** Jerry & Sheila Weldon

Next Week: Sherril Graham

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SECOND  
REFORMED  
CHURCH



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
November 9, 2025 - 9:45 am





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