

Announcements

Wednesday Night Meals return September 18th—Join us for a time of food and fellowship as we begin another season of Dinner Church!

“The Chosen” video study returns—We are excited to start watching season 4 of “The Chosen” together! You can join us for the videos each week before worship on Sunday or they are available for free on the “Chosen” app. Our discussion will begin on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:15. We will be in-person in the fireside room and will also be available via Zoom! (Link will be sent out via email Wednesday mornings)

Sunday School is back!— Sunday School for all ages started today at 8:45 before worship! Help is needed to support the parents of our younger kids. If you can be part of our teaching team, please contact Pastor Ben.

Fellowship Lounge Remodeling!—Our Fellowship Lounge is undergoing some repairs during the next few weeks! Ceiling is being repaired, walls will be plastered and eventually painted. Please join us for fellowship in the Fireside Room after worship! Help is needed today with more demo work! Join us for some lunch and a project after worship!

Support United Women in Faith’s CASA Drive — “Casa” stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. When a Child is Taken from Home, they leave with nothing. You can help United Women in Faith support these efforts by collecting the following items: Pajamas, Socks, Blanket, Teddy Bear, Walmart Gift Cards, and Target Gift Cards. CASA Volunteers prepare a Backpack with Children’s Needs. A box collecting items is by the office. This drive will continue during the fall season.

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ Joy, for the Church Women United gathering this past week!
- ♥ For Ann Witherall, beloved trombone teacher, who is now under hospice care at Rennes
- ♥ The school shooting in Apalachee High School in Georgia which took the lives of two 14 year old students and two teachers

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Courageous Faith: Esther's Call to Boldness

Esther 4:13-16

September 15, 2024

Prelude

Welcome — Pastor Ben Morris

Call to Worship

God calls us to speak out with courage and conviction.

**We come to worship the God
who empowers us to stand firm in our faith.**

As Esther found strength to approach the king,
so we find strength in God to face our challenges.

**Let us open our hearts to the God
who gives us courage in times of fear.**

We praise the Lord, our rock and our redeemer,
who is with us every step of the way.

With boldness and faith, we come to worship our God.

Hymn – God of Grace and God of Glory— RED 577

Prayer of Confession — all

**We admit that we often let fear silence us
when we should speak.**

**We are slow to act
when You call us to be bold.**

Forgive us for our hesitancy and our lack of trust.

**Remind us of Esther's courage, and give us
the boldness to stand up for what is right,
to defend the vulnerable, and to speak Your truth.**

**Grant us the courage to be Your faithful servants,
knowing that You are always with us.**

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

Passing the Peace

Children's Moment — Pastor Ben

Breakthrough Prayer

**God of Community, thank you for going with us
as we walk in your world.**

As the seasons change, change also our hearts.

Breakthrough, as we step out in faith. Amen.

Call to Prayer — Lead Me, Guide Me — BLACK 2214

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Special Music — What Does the Lord Require of You— CHOIR

Scripture — Esther 4:11-16

God, we thank you for your Word.

The story of your grace.

Sermon — Courageous Faith: Esther's Call to Boldness — Pastor Ben

Offering

Offering Response — Doxology— RED 95

Offering Prayer

**Mighty God, You give us the courage to face each day,
and You provide for all our needs.**

**As we bring these gifts before You,
we do so with hearts full of faith and boldness.**

**Use these offerings to further Your kingdom,
to bring hope to the hopeless, and to strengthen those who are weak.**

**May our giving be a reflection of our trust in You,
the One who calls us to live courageously.**

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn— I'm Gonna Live, So God Can Use Me — BLACK 2153

Benediction

Postlude