

We invite all children and youth to participate in this intergenerational time of learning about Jesus.

Rev. Tim Olson, Youth Teacher & Proclaimer
Mary Thronson, Children's Teacher

**[All] O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of children.
May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.**

A TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Prayer	His Name Is Wonderful	No. 174
Prayer/Lord's Prayer		
Response	More Precious Than Silver	TFWS #2065

SERMON

Be A Good Neighbor And Love God

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission		
Offertory	Jesus Draw Me Nearer	Getty, Becker
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*		

CLOSING HYMN*

Blessed Assurance No. 369

BENEDICTION*

[All] May God bless us with the assurance that we are chosen children of God, empowered and equipped by the Spirit to live as the Family of God in a world in desperate need of the good news. Amen.

RESPONSE	He Is Exalted	TFWS #2070
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POSTLUDE

Rain Down

Jaime Cortez

Assisting in today's service – Pastors: Rev. Wesley Thompson, Rev. Tim Olson.

Liturgist: Judy Leonard, **Organ:** Brad Bettencourt, **Sound Tech:**

Video Tech: Alex Paredes, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler.

Song Leader: Tricia Stewart, **Sacristan:** Lorie Ford.

Ushers & Greeters: Carol & Art Gary, Rose Ann Steiner, Paul Holden.



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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors
The People of The United Methodist Church



Informal Order of Service 8:30 a.m.

GRANDE RIINGERS	Prelude At Dawn	Lynn Shaw Bailey
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pastor Appreciation	
GRANDE RINGERS	Built On A Rock	Arr. Jacques M. Keams
PRAISE SONGS	How Great Is Our God Endless Light Thank You Lord	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
ILLUMINATION	Heart Of Worship	
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 22:15-22	
SERMON	Be A Good Neighbor And Love God	
OFFERING	Jesus Loves Me Hallelujah (Vs 1, CH, Vs 2, CH)	
COMMUNION SONG	Communion Song	
FINAL BLESSING	Just As I Am	
CLOSING	I Saw The Light	

Assisting in today's service – Pastors: Rev. Wesley Thompson, Rev. Tim Olson.
Liturgist: Mary Throndson, **Praise Team Leader:** Mike Clark.
Acoustic Guitar’s: Mike Clark, Deb Bradley, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler.
Bass Guitar: Bob Jorstad, **Vocalists:** Deb Bradley, Connie Clark, Pam Garza.
Drum: Xander Thompson, **Sound/Video Tech:** Mary Jorstad, Joel Anderson.
Sacristan: Lorie Ford, **Communion Steward:** Frank Williams,
Ushers & Greeters: Frank & Patty Williams.

Traditional Order of Service 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE	10,000 Reasons Bless The Lord	Myrin/Redman
GRANDE RINGERS	Prelude At Dawn	Lynn Shaw Bailey
CALLTO WORSHIP*		
[Liturgist] We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.		
[All] We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.		
Liturgist] The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.		
[All] We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.		
[Liturgist] The Spirit inspires us to receive God’s Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.		
[All] We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.		
[Liturgist] Come, let us worship in the assurance of God’s love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.		
[All] We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.		
OPENING HYMN*	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty	No. 64
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pastor Appreciation	
OPENING PRAYER		
[All] Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your way. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.		
GRANDE RINGERS	Built On A Rock	Arr. Jacques M. Kearns
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 22:15-22	

Matthew 22:15-22

The Question about Paying Taxes

15 The Pharisees went off and made a plan to trap Jesus with questions.
16 Then they sent to him some of their disciples and some members of Herod's party. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you tell the truth. You teach the truth about God's will for people, without worrying about what others think, because you pay no attention to anyone's status.
17 Tell us, then, what do you think? Is it against our Law to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor, or not?”
18 Jesus, however, was aware of their evil plan, and so he said, “You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me?
19 Show me the coin for paying the tax!” They brought him the coin,
20 and he asked them, “Whose face and name are these?”
21 “The Emperor's,” they answered. So Jesus said to them, “Well, then, pay to the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor, and pay to God what belongs to God.” **22** When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Mary, Martha, Esther Circle						
October 25 th will be hosted by Endowment/ELT						
ATTENDANCE						STEWARDSHIP
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	Weekly Needed \$7,740
Sep 20	50	77	127	32	158	\$5,611
Sep 27	40	87	127	36	163	\$2,935
Oct 04	40	71	111	40	151	\$10,001
Oct 11	36	90	126		126	\$7,925
YTD Received: \$102,561						(YTD Needed: \$116,100

Weekly Events:		
Mon.	Oct. 19	6:00 pm Gerry's Quilt Class, Criswell Hall
Tue.	Oct. 20	9:00 am Tai Chi, Criswell Hall 10:00 am Sew ‘n Sews & Crafts, McMillen Rm #113 11:00 am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall 3:00 pm Joy Circle, member’s home 3:00 pm Endowment Meeting, Criswell 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Rm #115 5:30 pm Finance, McMillen Rm #113 7:30 pm Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Rehearsal, Criswell Hall
Wed.	Oct. 21	9:00 am Church Work Morning 2:00 pm Church Council Meeting, McMillian 6:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thu.	Oct. 22	9:00 am Fast walking & Tai Chi, Criswell Hall 11:00 am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Rm #115
Fri.	Oct. 23	10:00 am Knitting & Crocheting Parks & Recreation, Criswell Hall
Sun.	Oct. 25	8:30 am Informal Worship Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship Service Alternative Christmas Boutique, after both services 12:00 pm UWF Food Outreach 4:00 pm Movie Night, 4pm, ET

Upcoming Events:		
Mon.	Oct. 26	Little Pink Houses of Hope Dinner
Sun.	Nov. 1	See’s Candy Sales Kickoff
Fri.-	Nov. 6-8	Holiday Boutique 9am-2pm, Friday & Saturday. Sunday
Sun.		after both services
Sun.	Nov. 8	Start of 7 Weeks of Advent
Sat.	Nov. 14	John Lindsey Presentation on El Nino, 10:30, Sanctuary
Sat.		Youth Group, Adults 3pm, Youth 4pm, Dinner 5:30pm
Sun.	Nov. 15	Children, Youth Committee, 12pm
Sun.	Nov. 15	Boutique - Last Chance
Sun.	Nov. 15	Pennies for Turkeys, after both services
Sat.	Nov. 21	Free Golf Lessons for Youth at Monarch Dunes Golf Course, 2-4pm
Sun.	Nov. 22	Pennies for Turkeys after both services
Sun.	Nov. 29	UWF Food Outreach, 12pm
Sun.	Nov. 29	Advent Workshop, 11:30am lunch @ crafts, Criswell Hall
Fri.	Dec. 4	Deadline to order See’s Candy
Sat.	Dec. 5	Holiday Extravaganza Talent Show, 5-7pm