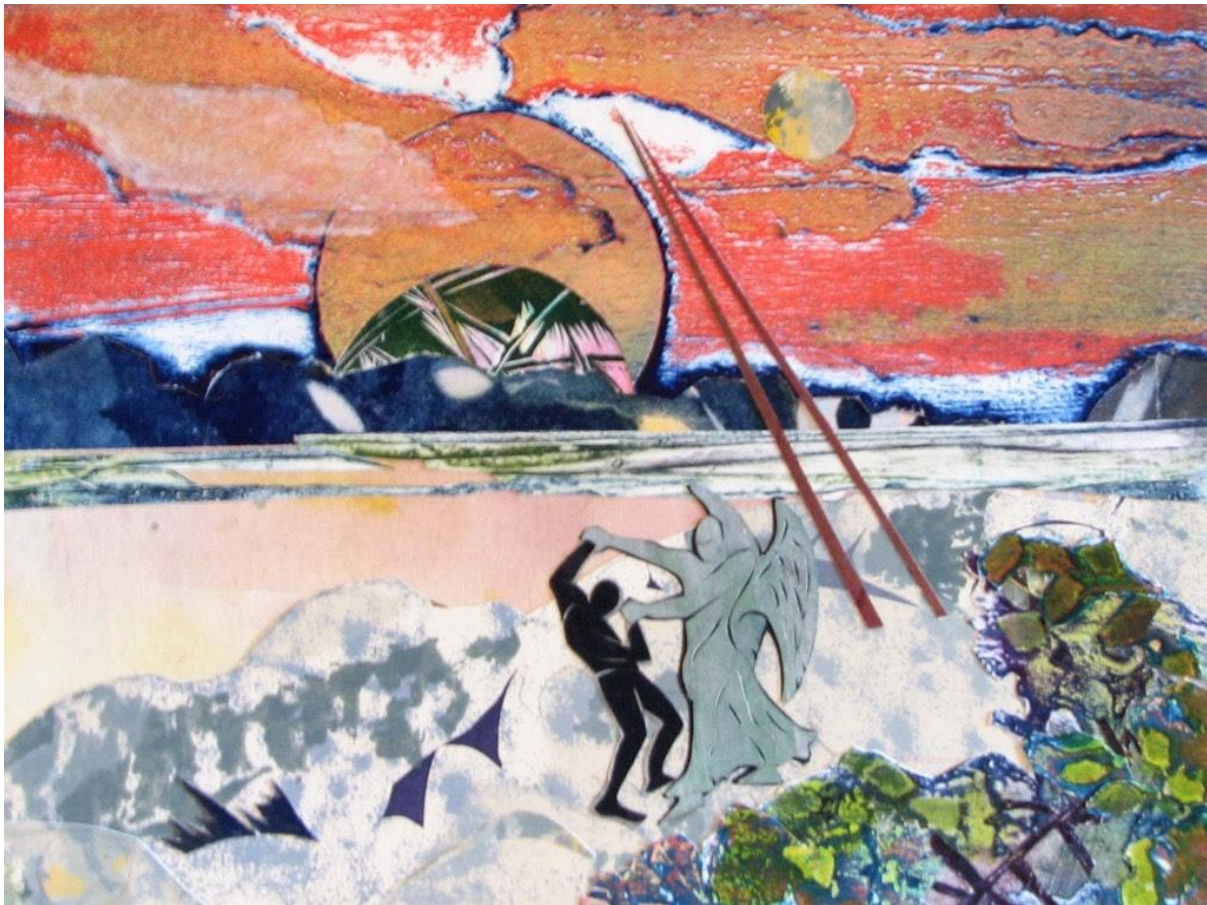




Jacob and the Angel. Artist: Annette Gandy Fortt<sup>2</sup>

## ***Service for the Lord's Day***

**October 19, 2025**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

### ***Gathering Around the Word of Worship***

**Gathering Music**

Mike Kanan

**Striking of the Hour**

**Prelude**

*Fantasia in G*

William Byrd

**Welcome**

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

from Psalm 121 and 2 Timothy 4

We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?

**Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

Let us proclaim the message of God's faithfulness; let us persist whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!**

**Opening Hymn 12**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

## Call to Adoration and Confession

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

**We praise and adore you for you are the God who listens with mercy and justice. God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we may be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still, we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we may begin again to live what it is we say we believe.**

*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

### Confessional Hymn 695

*Change My Heart, O God*

CHANGE MY HEART

Refrain: *Change my heart, O God; make it ever true*

*Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

*You are the Potter; I am the clay.*

*Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.*

to Refrain

### Declaration of Good News (responsive)

based on Jeremiah 31:34

No longer shall each one teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for all shall know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

**We hear and believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### Passing of the Peace of Christ (responsive)

God listens to the prayers of his people and answers in grace. Let us share that grace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### A Time with Young Christians (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)

#### *Hearing the Word*

*All Sit*

### Prayer for Illumination (unison)

based on 2 Timothy 4:3

**Amid a world where sound teaching is hard to find, our ears are easily tickled by words that suit our own desires. Open us to hear your word, O Lord, that we may know you and your will for us today.**

### Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

**Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.**

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

**Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.**

**Anthem**

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

Austin C. Lovelace

*All Stand*

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

*All Sit*

**Sermon**

Whole Hearted Prayer

Kyle Otterbein

***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 465**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

**Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

excerpt from *The Confession of 1967*

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

*All Sit*

**Offering**

*Call to Offering*

**Offertory**

*Sonata I: Adagio*

Felix Mendelssohn

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

**We give you thanks, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is within them, for the gift of this day, this moment of worship, and your word which is engraved upon our hearts. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you, as a symbol of the dedication of our entire lives, that as your church we may be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love, and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

All Sit

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

*A Moment of Silence*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

All Stand

**Closing Hymn 711**

*Lord of All Good*

TOULON

**Benediction**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

P.C. Lutkin/arr. R.E. Schram

**Postlude**

*Praeambulum in C*

Heinrich Scheidemann

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Some of the liturgy today have been adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Matthew A. Rich.

<sup>2</sup>Annette Fortt is an African-American artist originally from Memphis, Tennessee, who has worked and taught in New York City before moving to Washington, D.C., where she currently lives and works. She shares that early on she drew inspiration for a series of illustrations from passages of the Bible. She recalls, "In the end I was surprised at how easily the illustrations emerged once I committed to the project....I have since come to realize that the inspiration for creating this work does not come from me but flows through me—that creating for me is like an act of worship, and when I am moved to create and follow through, the spirit to execute descends and helps. I am as blessed by the work as I hope the viewer is." We are grateful to Annette for giving permission this morning to share her art.  
Website: [annettefortt.com](http://annettefortt.com)

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## Announcements

**USHERS:** Hines and Kernohan families

**COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE** Sammy Del Rey, Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, and Johnna Smith

**LAY READER:** Ernie Small

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Laura Parkerson

**NURSERY:** Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Annette Parkerson

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 26:** Jeremiah 14:7–10, 19–22; Psalm 84:1–7; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18; Luke 18:9–14

### TODAY

**DEACON OF THE WEEK** this week will be Margaret Stein. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

**THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP** will meet today at 12:00 p.m. at Saffron Indian Cuisine, 1625 Campbell Lane. This is a newly opened restaurant, and we invite you to join us! This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others.

**FALL FESTIVAL AT ROB BYRD'S FARM** will take place today. Rob Byrd is inviting our congregation to have a Fall Festival at his farm from 3:30-6:30 p.m. (1310 New Cut Rd. in Alvaton – Look for “No Complainin’ Farm”) This is a family event, and all church members, family, and friends are welcome. Activities being planned include a hayride, fishing in the pond, volleyball, games, painting pumpkins and gourds, s'mores around a bonfire, and more. We are asking attendees to bring a side dish to eat with hamburgers!

### OTHER NEWS

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY** we are updating our database to get ready for a new Church Directory. If you haven't recently updated your information, please pick up a communication card outside the office doors, at the entrance of the sanctuary or simply scan the QR code to update your information. You can return your card to the office Monday-Friday during office hours or hand it to an usher after worship.

Directory Form



**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK FOR 2025** Please scan the QR code, review the available scriptures, and consider signing up for a scripture verse. After you sign up for a verse, share a personal message or what this verse means to you in writing, and send your draft to Erika at [solberg770@gmail.com](mailto:solberg770@gmail.com) by Sunday, October 25th. Drafts can be in the body of the email, in a Google Document, or in a Word Document. Any questions please contact Erika Solberg or Michelle Fluit ([fluitmichelle@gmail.com](mailto:fluitmichelle@gmail.com)). With your permission, and after finalization, we would like to share your message in the 2025 Advent Devotional Book.

2025 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL



SIGN-UP

**OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER** is having their Annual Trick-or-Treating for the preschoolers at the church on October 29 and 30. We would love to have the church members to participate by setting up areas within the church for the preschoolers to pick up a treat or to do an activity (*Please note that some of our kids have peanut and garlic allergies*). We will also accept treat donations to help make this a fun and memorable day for our kids. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Robin or Terry at 270-843-4707 to be added to the signup sheet. Thank you in advance. -Kimberly Watkins, PLC Director.

**MEMORIAL CONCERT** for Charles Allan will be November 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Charles was the youngest son of Michael and Ruth Brown. The concert is a joyful celebration with Nathaniel Brown on the organ; Wayne and Beth Pope singing; Sylvia Kersenbaum playing the piano; and Dr. and Mrs. Herman and Deanna Catlett playing a piece Ruth wrote dedicated to Charles. Closing the program will be spirituals by Wayne, Ernie Small, and David Muffett.

**HELP WITH TOPPER CAMPUS MINISTRY** Interested in providing lunch or giving students a ride? Let Margaret Stein (270-779-2579) or Donna Wolbe (270-303-2587) know. You can also Email us at [topper@bgpres.org](mailto:topper@bgpres.org). If you'd like to help support these outstanding young people, see the Sign-Up Sheet outside the Chapel and choose a date to provide a home-cooked meal for 10-12 people, or scan the QR code to sign up online. We meet weekly on Sunday Mornings at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall following Worship for lunch and discussion. We'd love your help! There will be more opportunities to serve this ministry in the near future. We would love for you to get to know these special young people and help make our congregation their church family away from home.



**INSPIRATIONAL MEDITATION** The Tuesday morning yoga class has a new name. It is now Inspirational Meditation. Class meets here at the church on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. If you would like the opportunity to learn how integrate your mind, body, and spirit to align with God's Spirit, please come join this class. Instructor: Trudy Burkeen.

**LAY READERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER** A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!



## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

*We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.*

**Clerk of Session:** Debbie Trickey     **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

**Elders:** Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2028-Clark Carthrae, Buzz English, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; **Deacons:** Class of 2026-Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Laura Parkerson, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028-Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

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## Calendar

### Sunday, October 19

8:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathers  
9:15 a.m. Children's Music  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts  
9:45 a.m. Godly Play  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:45 a.m. Topper Ministry Luncheon and Discussion  
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group  
3:30 p.m. Fall Festival

### Monday, October 20

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love  
5:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Meeting

### Tuesday, October 21

9:30 a.m. Inspirational Meditation  
11:00 a.m. Special Care  
6:00 p.m. Session

### Wednesday, October 22

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group  
9:30 a.m. Crisis and New Creation Class  
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Friday, October 25

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

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