

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 24, 2023

10:45 am

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please give any prayer requests to an usher or the pastor before the service.

Prelude Praise Team  
Welcome Praise Team

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE & FELLOWSHIP

Praise Song Forever Praise Team  
Invocation Pastor Russ  
Praise Song Love Like This Praise Team  
Scripture Reading Shirley Odenwald  
Psalms 94:17-19

## WORSHIPPING WITH OUR GIFTS

Announcements Pastor Russ  
Offering Our Gifts Pastor Russ

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND TEACHING

Time of Prayer Pastor Russ  
Special Music Praise Team  
Message Pastor Russ  
"God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

## WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

Hymn "It is Well With My Soul" #321  
Recessional Praise Team

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## GETTING TO KNOW US

Rev. Russell Stammer Pastor  
Christine Lovette Minister of Music  
JJ Belle Praise Band  
Harry & Rachel Sink, Ted & Shirley Odenwald  
Laura Belle Praise Team  
Lori Rosenboom, Steve Handy, Christa Hoppe Ushers  
All Members of This Faith Community Ministers

## THIS WEEK

Today 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:40 am Prayer for service in Pastor's office  
10:45 am Worship Service  
Noon Church Council Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

10/01/23 Noon Coffee Hour  
10/7/23 8 am – 3pm Church Garage Sale (Rain date 10/14)  
10/8/23 Noon Church Council Meeting

## BIRTHDAYS

Kayla Lovette 10/3  
Sarah MacVicar 10/6  
Chris Stanley 10/8  
Rachel Sink 10/21  
Kay MacVicar 10/21

## ANNIVERSARY

JJ & Laura Belle 10/1  
Carl & Donna Stevens 10/2

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## GROWING IN BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

### 2023 BIBLE READINGS

Mon Sept 25 Jeremiah 11-13; Hebrews 1  
Tues Sept 26 Jeremiah 14-16; Hebrews 2  
Wed Sept 27 Jeremiah 17-18; Psalms 35; Hebrews 3  
Thur Sept 28 Jeremiah 19-22; Hebrews 4  
Fri Sept 29 Jeremiah 23-24; Hebrews 5; Psalms 110  
Sat Sept 30 Psalms 75; Jeremiah 25-26; Hebrews 6  
Sun Oct 1 Jeremiah 27-29; Hebrews 7

The 2023 Bible reading schedule is thematic or connective in nature. The goal is to make as many associations as possible between the different parts of Scripture while still reading individual books of the Bible from start to finish. Only the Psalms are not read in consecutive order.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM

This week's passage is **Psalms 19:14**  
*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

## BIBLE TRIVIA

**Today's question is:** What is the seventh commandment?

**Last week's question and answer:** According to Proverbs, how do those "seeking death" acquire their wealth? **By lying (Pro 21:6)**

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"If you can trust God to save you for eternity, you can trust him to lead you for a lifetime." – **David Platt**

## CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income 1/1/23 – 9/17/23 \$32,987.89  
Expenses 1/1/23 – 9/17/23 \$46,454.26  
We need to raise to balance our budget **-\$13,466.37**

## MISSION GIVING UPDATE

Received so far:  
America For Christ 2023 \$10.00  
One Great Hour Of Sharing 2023 \$10.00  
World Mission Offering \$10.00

## MISSIONS (PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION)

### ABC MISSION OFFERINGS

#### America For Christ 2023

Thanks to America for Christ (AFC) Offering contributions, supported communities distressed by the devastation of COVID-19 last year, as the pandemic swept our country and Puerto Rico. We also helped families who lost homes to floods, wildfires and storms, along with children living on the edge because of poverty, and seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News. These are just a few of the ways we minister to those in need; there are many more.

Please help us continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, children and Jesus' disciples in 2023 by supporting this year's America for Christ Offering.

#### One Great Hour Of Sharing 2023

Provides immediate relief and long-term recovery support after disasters; equip churches and leaders in disaster preparedness measures; offer assistance to displaced people; and support global development projects that empower communities around the world to thrive. Our partners have persisted in this life-saving work despite the challenges of the pandemic and in the face of other disasters and humanitarian crises that continue to escalate in frequency and severity.

We are called to witness to this gospel truth: despite evidence to the contrary, even in the most difficult of circumstances, love remains. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing you put love into action. Your giving shares faith, hope, and love all around the world. But the greatest of these is love.

#### World Mission Offering

Through the World Mission Offering, you and your church can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing globally to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."

## PRAYER PAGE

### HEALTH ISSUES

Sandy Christopher – in Hospice care,  
Nancy Monell – (Ted's Sister) – Ongoing health issues  
Dot Nagy – (Ted's cousin) has multiple health issues.  
Tricia Fellner – (JJ's Sister) has bradycardia (Low pulse rate)  
Justin – Grandson of (Donna Stevens' sister) born with only 2 heart valves  
Betty Wilson – (Friend of the Odenwalds) Neuropathy pain  
Lois Griffith – Health Concerns  
Carl Stevens – Recovering from second knee surgery.  
Richard Greenip – several health issues  
Kay MacVicar – Ongoing health issues.  
Ruth Barton – Recovering from a fall and wrist surgery.  
Jordan Lovette – Ongoing health issues  
Doug Gipe – recovering from COVID & pneumonia  
Christine Lovette - over COVID, but it caused a flare up of other health issues  
Herb Stevens - Joanne Steven's husband in TN  
Eleanor Stammer – Lost hearing in left ear

### HEALTH ISSUES (CANCER)

Joe Alfano – ongoing health issues & Lung Cancer  
Robert Mariano – (JJ's Uncle) prostate cancer  
Cathy Belle – (JJ's Aunt) found cancer on her brain.  
Joan MacMillan – Pancreatic Cancer  
Kevin Parneland – recovering from testicular cancer surgery  
Barbara Willemssen – Recovering from surgery starting radiation

### OTHER CONCERNS

Good Shepherd Mission  
Unspoken Requests – People requested prayer for an unspoken request.  
Those dealing with depression, addiction & mental health issues

### NURSING FACILITIES

Ginny Palmer

### OUR STUDENTS

TJ Bednarz – Eastern Christian  
Kayla Lovette – Ramapo College  
Sarah MacVicar – Ramapo College

### SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Major David Hutsebaut - son of Dave and Shirley - Army  
Sgt. Eduardo Velasquez - son in law of Cheryl Alfano – Marines  
Petty Officer Second Class Faustina Owusu Bekoe - US Navy

Our Church – We need to pray for our church as we need work to bring the Gospel to our communities.



“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” - Psalm 90:12



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