

**OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

September 24, 11:00 AM

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 146, selected verses

\*HYMN "Join All the Glorious Names" #111

\*CONFESSION OF SIN: "Look upon us with mercy, O God. Help us to look with mercy upon ourselves. Far too often we obsess over our shortcomings and failures. We are not the people that we want to be. Without your grace, we cannot be the people you created us to be. Fill us once again with the assurance of your love for us, expressed so powerfully through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Amen."

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Lamentations 3:22-26

\*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #623

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

NEW TESTAMENT (Unison): Matthew 18:21-35

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Lamentations 3:19-33

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

\*HYMN "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" #514

SERMON "Elephants and Groundhogs"

\*HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #259

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (back cover of hymnal)

**OFFERING**

\*DOXOLOGY (Song of Dedication) #626

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*APOSTLES CREED (back cover of hymnal)

\*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing) Ephesians 4:1-3  
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

\*CLOSING SONG "I Will Serve Thee" #446

(\* ) If you are able, please stand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leading Worship This Morning:  
Scripture Reader: Gloria U.  
Children's Time: Jim P.

Please sign up in the lobby if you'd like to assist with our school food program by packing fruit on Thursdays or by delivering the meals to Longmore Academy at MHY Family Services on Friday mornings.

We will hold our annual Budget Forum after worship today. Join us to learn more about our church's finances or to offer your ideas for next year's budget.

International peacemaker Amira Barham will visit Old Union tomorrow at 7:00 to speak about her ministry of using music for children in Palestinian refugee camps.

The Nominating Committee will meet after worship next week.

We continue to collect pairs of shoes to support CHOSEN, our mission project that supplies medical equipment overseas and meets local health needs. Please drop them off in the lobby.

Please sign up in the lobby if you'd like to donate supplies or volunteer to help make apple dumplings on Friday October 6. We will make dumplings in the morning, and pie baking will begin at 3:00.

"Bundle Up Butler" provides winter coats for children and families in need in our area, and Old Union is one of its donation locations. Please drop off your donation of new or like-new coats by October 8.

The Evans City Food Bank is requesting laundry supplies for the month of October.

Fall is here, and that means apple dumplings! We will be making them on Fri, Oct. 6. People who sign up to peel and prep apples need to arrive at the church at 8 AM. Dough rollers please arrive at 8:30 AM. Lunch will be served when all is done! If you would like to help Sherry C. make apple pies, be at the church at 3 PM. Please sign up in the lobby to donate needed ingredients, and/or to help on Fri., or on Sat., Oct. 7, at the Applefest booth. Monetary donations can be given to Linda M. or Julie M.. For those who are unable to help on Friday, you can pre-order by signing up on the side of the refrigerator in the kitchen. We also need your clean plastic shopping bags. The proceeds will benefit wherever the need is in the General Fund.

The holidays are approaching! A RADA fundraiser will start Sept. 24 until Nov. 30. Orders with payment can be given to Sally P.. Catalogs and order slips are in the lobby. There is a limited number of catalogs, so kindly return the catalog when you're done ordering for others to place their order. Make checks payable to Old Union Presbyterian Church. Please direct questions to Sally. Proceeds will benefit wherever the need is in the General Fund.

Need another gift idea for the holidays? An online Tupperware party fundraiser is in the planning for the Fall. Proceeds from the party will benefit wherever the need is in the General Fund.

We are collecting money to sponsor cleaning buckets for Church World Service. One complete bucket costs \$75. Please contribute what you can. Mark donation for cleaning buckets. We will be collecting until the end of October.

Special Prayers of Concern:

Louise S.  
Jim P.  
Josh K.  
Maggie D.  
Jeanne C.  
Mike & Jan M.  
Betty L.  
Dolly K.  
Joan T.  
Howard B.  
Josh H.

Mission Co-Workers:

Noah Park & Esther Shin, Egypt

Military:

Jeremy H.  
Matthew David M.  
Justin T.  
Scott F.  
Glen P.  
Will B.  
Jacob H.  
Christian C.  
Ryan W.  
Hunter M.  
Christopher H.  
Arthur B.  
Kevin E.  
Danner C.  
Daniel B.  
Spencer K.  
Alex T.  
Luke O.  
Addison D.  
Colton V.