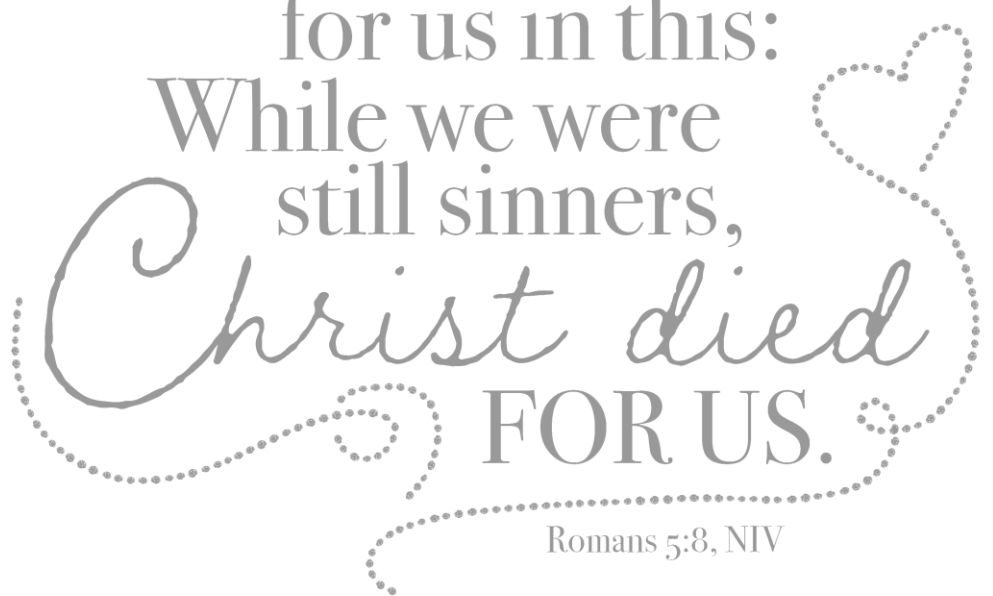


But God
demonstrates
his own love
for us in this:
While we were
still sinners,
Christ died
FOR US.

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Romans 5:8, NIV

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*"a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known"*

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September 20, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Chimes

Welcome

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

L: Come, people of God – draw near to the One who formed you,
knows you, and loves you without end.

P: We come with open hearts, ready to receive grace.

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation,
the One who steadies our steps and restores our souls.

P: We lift our voices in trust and thanksgiving.

*Hymn

“Trust and Obey”

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*Call to Confession

Our deepest need is to be forgiven and restored to wholeness.
Therefore, let us now join our voices in the Prayer of Confession.

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, we come before you in this moment, acknowledging
the truth about ourselves. We have sinned against you in
thought, word and deed. Forgive us for all our sins and renew us
by your mercy and grace. Lead us ever deeper in the ways of
Christ, that our lives may reflect your love. AMEN.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

*Hymn

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

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DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Romans 1:16-17

Sermon

"What Is the Gospel?"

Rev. Sam Piper

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

"For the Healing of the Nations"

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*Benediction

*Postlude

*(*All those who are able, please stand)*

PLEASE JOIN US in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift* available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Guest Speaker, Rev. Sam Piper; Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Jean Heberling, Susie Cotti, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Building and Grounds, Dennis Gould.

THE KIDS CLOSET will be open to the public Monday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you know a family that might need a little extra help with back-to-school clothes, share information about the Deacon's Kid's Closet. Volunteers are welcome to help with sorting donation items.

A SESSION MEETING will be held Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will resume this week. We will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the church office for information on joining from home.

THE STITCHING GROUP meets Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. If you enjoy needle work and would like some fellowship as you stitch, you are welcome to join the group. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for next Sunday, September 27th immediately following worship to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and the 2027 Terms of Call. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay for the meeting.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE has organized a visit to the Flight 93 Memorial Park on Saturday, October 24th. Transportation plans have changed. We will ride together on a small bus to the site. Cost will be shared closer to the date. On the return trip, we will stop for lunch in Ligonier. Please RSVP to Chris Antis by October 20th.

DURING THE MONTH of September, we will be collecting items to include in care packages for our college or trade school students. Items can include: gum, candy, gift cards, cookies, snacks, etc. A box is located at the back of the sanctuary for your donations. The deacons will assemble the packages and have them delivered to students. We currently have 6 students. Please see Chris Antis if you have a son or daughter attending college or trade school.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) is asking for our help to supply PDA Cleanup Buckets to those affected by extreme flooding in West Virginia and Ohio. There is currently an emergency need. Each PDA Cleanup Bucket is valued at \$40. We will be receiving financial gifts to provide the buckets. Our goal is to supply 40 buckets which will be purchased and assembled, then delivered to a site assigned by PDA. If you would like to give toward this endeavor, please make your gifts payable to the church and clearly mark "Cleanup Buckets" on your envelope or check memo line. We will be receiving gifts until September 27th. PDA needs the buckets by October 1st.

A FALL FESTIVAL is planned for Saturday, October 31st from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the courtyard. There will be games, food and lots of fun! Families are invited to bring your children after trick-or-treating in town. This event is free and open to our church and community.

THE OTTER CREEK BRASS will be with us in worship next Sunday. We look forward to their musical offering.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Sam Piper
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Kid's Closet Open
	6:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Meeting