

McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church
Sanctuary Worship: September 14, 2025

Call to Worship Preludes on "All Glory be to God on High" - Paul Manz & David Cherwien Stephen Wurst, organ

Welcome Wendi Neal

***Hymn # 61** Come, Thou Almighty King

***Affirmation of Faith – I Believe** Wendi Neal

**I believe in truth as a living Reality,
not captive to theory or creed, but revealed to those who love;
the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.**

**Because I believe I trust,
not blindly but open eyed and bold as a child climbing into a mother's lap;
the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.**

**Because I believe I serve,
not as a slave that serves a tyrant but like farmers reaping a harvest;
the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.**

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Bell Anthem (8:30) Acclamation in G Minor - Karen Thompson
 (11:00) Jesus Loves Me - arr. Arnold Sherman

Carillon Handbells
Chancel Handbells

(11:00) 2026 Confirmand Blessing

Greyson Bennett-Jones
Avery Braden
Nora Bryan
Faye Croom
Paisley Farber
Charlee Files

Alana Gaston
Lily Hays
Kelsi Mae Lancaster
Jonathan Lauchner
Spencer Lee
Peyton Meyers

Bridget Millican
Max Moen
Luke Regouby
William Roberts
Lincoln Taylor

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

8:30 Rockford Johnson; 11:00 Leslie Long

Children's Time

Leslie Long



Child of pro-mise, God claims you, God helps you, pro-TECTS you, and loves you, too.



We this day do all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.



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*Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 11:00 service.
Parents, please pick your children up in the 3rd floor children's area following the service.*

***Hymn # 79**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name, vs. 1-4

Invitation to Our Offering

8:30 Rockford Johnson; 11:00 Leslie Long

Anthem

I Believe in Springtime - John Rutter

Chancel Choir

*I believe in springtime: fresh and new and bright; I believe in morning dew and shining morning light
I believe in sunbeams, melting all the snow; and I believe when winter's done the streams will run and rivers flow
I believe in eagles soaring up so high; I believe in trees and mountains reaching to the sky
I believe in green things; all the gifts of earth; growing up from tiny seeds that spring has brought to birth
I believe in summer; I believe in fall: but most of all I believe in God who made it and blessed it all*

*I believe in people, living all as one; sharing all their songs and laughter, happiness and fun;
I believe in friendship: taking time to care; and feeling sure of someone else and someone feeling glad you're there
Then I start to wonder how it all might be if the world could live together just like you and me
I believe in hoping; I believe in prayer; I believe in trying hard and learning how to share
I believe in dreaming; and, when dreams are through then I believe in trusting God
to help me make dreams come true.*

***Doxology # 94**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Scripture Reading

Psalms 19:1-4

8:30 Rockford Johnson; 11:00 Leslie Long

Sermon

Wrestling with Doubt – Walking with Jesus: Is There a God?

Wendi Neal

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Wendi Neal

***Hymn # 139**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – last verse arr. Robert Hobby

Reception of New Members

**We welcome you to this congregation and with you we renew our vows to uphold the church
with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.**

(8:30) 2026 Confirmands Blessing

Wendi Neal

***Sending Forth**

Wendi Neal

*** Choral Benediction** - written by John Yarrington

*Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord shall come and take us up to our eternal home!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice!*

Postlude

Fanfare Acclamation on "Majesty" - Hayford, arr. Mark Thallander & Bruce Wilkin Stephen Wurst, organ

Dr. Stephen Wurst, Dir. of Music Ministries and Organist

Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Assoc. Dir. of Music Ministries and Director of Choirs

Rev. Dr. Leslie Long, OKCU Professor of Religion

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