

## Welcome to Epworth United Methodist Church

Worship: 9:30 AM

Pastor- Jeffery White  
Lay Leader- Christine “Chris” Mosig  
Pianist- Catherine Medovich

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11, 2025--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom

September 13, 2025---**Community breakfast 8:00am-10:30am**

September 18, 2025--- Prayer meeting” 7pm on Zoom

September 18, 2025--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom

September 20, 2025---SML Walk to End Poverty 10am-12pm  
Smith Mountain Lake State Park

September 22, 2025 — UWF meet at Epworth @ 4pm

September 25, 2025--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom

October 2, 2025--- Prayer meeting” 7pm on Zoom

October 2, 2025--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom

October 9, 2025--- Prayer meeting” 7pm on Zoom

**October 11, 2025 — Community Breakfast @ Epworth 8 am - 10:30 am**

October 19, 2025 —Pastor Appreciation Sunday

October 25, 2025—Fall Festival @ Epworth

October 27, 2025 — UWF meet at Epworth @ 4pm



## WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE PARISH

September 7, 2025

Epworth United Methodist Church  
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Christine Mosig, Lay Leader

Sue Hauptert-Johnson, Presiding Bishop

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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 2025

*The Mission of the United Methodist Church:  
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*

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### THE CHURCH GATHERS

#### PRAISE HYMN

Hymn No. 2152 (TFWS) “Change My Heart, O God” **insert**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

Hymn No. 338 “Where He Leads Me”

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Did you hear the whisper of God calling us to worship?

**God, help us listen as you call.**

Do you sense the beautiful people

God is creating us to become?

**God, help us to see your image within.**

Are we ready to listen, learn, and grow?

**God, open our hearts and minds**

**to your loving and challenging guidance.**

#### UNISON PRAYER

**Creator God, you have crafted us in your image and created us for greatness, as we share your love, justice, and compassion. Help us to live into this creation. Strengthen us, as we seek to answer your call. When we go astray, guide us back to your ways. When we fall apart, put us back together again. When we shrink in fear, lift our heads, that we may see your love and grace welcoming us home. Amen.**

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PASTORIAL PRAYER

#### PASSING THE PEACE

Let’s welcome one another, not as strangers or even friends, but as beloved sisters and brothers in Christ.

## TO HEAR THE WORD

**1st Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson: Philemon 1-21**

**4<sup>th</sup> Lesson: Luke 14:25-33**

**Lectionary Reading \* Sermon Lesson\***

#### +JUNIOR CHURCH

Hymn No. 191 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” v.1

+ Children are invited to follow teachers to Junior Church

### TITHES AND OFFERING

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 95 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

#### SERMON

**Pastor Jeff**

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

#### \*COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn No. 615 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” vv. 1-2, 4

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God, who knows the inmost parts of our being, invites all of us to this table of grace. Come, all are welcome to Christ’s banquet of love

#### A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH p15 – THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 382 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

#### \* BENEDICTION

May the Spirit’s power give us courage.

May Christ’s love give us compassion.

And may God’s image shine through us,

as we carry a cross of light and love for all to see.

Amen.

*Leave carrying the light of Christ into the World*

\*please stand if able