

October 19, 2025

Darick Biondi, Pastor

Gathering Music: "Little Mountain Church House"
Jim Snyder, Guest Artist

Words of Welcome and Announcements
Susan Danford

Prelude: "The Gospel in One Word"
Jim Snyder, Guest Artist

Call to Worship

- L. We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.
- C. We come to lift our prayers and to sing your praises once again.**
- L. We come to ask and hope and long to see your justice in the land.
- C. We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit.**

Prayer Concerns
Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: "Through It All" p. 507

Offertory: "Amazing Grace" Jim Snyder, Guest Artist
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 Liturgist
 Luke 18: 1-8 Pastor Darick
 Gospel Lesson

Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your

demanding truth and wander toward easier options.

Forgive us we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. AMEN

Message

Celebration of Holy Communion

*Closing Hymn: "Standing in the Need of Prayer" p. 352

Postlude: "Put A Little Love in Your Heart"
Jim Snyder, Guest Artist

Jim is a well-known area musician. Welcome to St. Andrew!

<There will be a finance meeting today in the Parlor at 2:00 PM. The main purpose of this meeting is to review and approve the 2026 budget as well as other financial information for you to review. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

<Our church is once again collecting **coats** for adults and children to distributed at Christ Kitchen. The collection box is in the rear of the sanctuary. We will be collecting **coats** until the end of November. **Coats only**, please. If you have questions, call Lois Downey at 304-545-1852.

<Bishop's Day for Nine Rivers District (that is us!) will be on Tuesday Oct. 21 starting at 5:00 PM with a meal followed by fellowship, awards, and sharing. RSVP at the following link: <https://wvmc-reg.brtapp.com/DistrictDayNineRivers>

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! There is a basket In the narthex if you would like to drop off a card or note. We are also taking up a collection for Pastor Darick's gift.

Prayer Concerns for October 12, 2025

Rev. Jarrold and Debbie Lanham
Bob Hubbard and Family
Dan Rittenhouse
Jill Taylor
Emma Gandee
Grace Cochran, friend of Kathy Stalnaker
Linda White, friend of Kathy Stalnaker
Beverly Loftis
Leora McCoy
Josh Reuter, cousin of Kathy Stalnaker
Tim Dempsy, cousin of Robert Stalnaker
Judy Casto by Kathy Stalnaker
Tony Losacco
Alice Baldwin
Mary Frances Combs
Judy Casto, friend of Kathy Stalnaker
Larry Winter, Claudia Bowles's brother
Donna R. by Molissa Fitzwater
Lori and Chuck Young, Megan and Trey
Pam Cochran
Sue Devitt by Charlie and Leora McCoy
Nassar by Leigh Long
Tom Wills by Amy Loftis
Melanie Ogu
Ted Danford
Richard, nephew of Julia Epperson
Mike Sublette
Jane Beth Talley Haus
Connie Kendall
Lela Ann Carroll by the Downeys
Jerry McCormick, brother of Joyce Dixon
Sarah Topia

St. Andrew and Cross of Grace are planning a birthday celebration in honor of Pastor Darick on Sunday, November 9 at 12:30 PM here at the church. We will have a covered dish meal followed by "Pies and Pints" (dessert and ice cream). Please plan to join us!



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