

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

September 7, 2025

10:30 am

Prelude

Congregational Introit

***Here I Am Lord, It is I Lord, I Have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

Call to Worship:

Like a single seed or a speck of yeast,
the Kingdom of God grows.
Unseen at first, it grows, expands and transforms.

**Word of God, speak to us anew your words of life.
Holy Spirit, work among us, to make us your people.
Creator God, let your kingdom spread through all the earth!**

Hymn #568 "God of the Ages"

Invitation to Confession:

Let us confess our sin to God and one another.

God of life, you created the whole world and pronounced it good.

**We confess that we tolerate small sins that spread
and corrupt our character, our churches,
our community and our country.**

We have allowed sin to work secretly in our lives.

**Pride, vanity, hypocrisy, lies, and wrath
create false appearances, distorting and destroying
our identity, our relationships and our people.**

**Holy Spirit work your Word within us
and among us, to purify, heal, and renew.**

This we pray in the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus came to give us grace upon grace. Jesus reveals that God is relentless. Like yeast working its way through dough, God's grace is hidden, powerful, persistent, pervasive and ultimately irresistible. God will not stop until all is redeemed and God's full purpose is complete.
Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Gloria Patri (#623 Hymnal)

Welcome and Announcements

Teacher Recognition

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

- * Doxology (625 Hymnal)
- * Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-35

Sermon: "Parable of the Catalytic Kingdom"

** Hymn "How can I Keep from Singing" (see insert)*

Prayer Requests and Lord's Prayer: Sung (see insert)

Holy Communion

** Hymn #25 "Immortal, Invisible"*

* Benediction

* Benediction Response:

***Shine, Jesus Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy, Send forth your
Word, Lord, and let there be light!***

* Postlude

* Stand, if comfortably able.

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Deacons: Mary Stieger

Session: Kevin Mortensen

Mission Committee: Carol McCall

Building Committee: Roy Gustafson

Sunday School Teacher: Jodie Mortensen

Greeter: Scott & Mariann McWhinney

Prayer Needs: Allison Collinson, Shala Mannoochahr,
Donna James, Pauline Shroyer, Sam Waldron.

Interested in Membership? If you are visiting Coal Valley Presbyterian Church today, we are glad to have you as our guest! If you are ready to take the next step in your spiritual journey by joining our church family, please see Dr. McDonald after the service or call the church office. We will let you know about our new member orientation class.



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THIS WEEK

Sunday (9-7)	Sunday School Kick-Off	9:15 am
	Worship	10:15 am
Monday (9-8)	Mission Committee	10:00 am
Tuesday (9-9)	Afternoon Circle	1:00 pm
Wednesday(9-10)	Deacons	6:30 pm
	Session	7:30 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

Sunday School Regular SS classes will start next week at 9:15 am.

Congregational Meeting: Next week immediately following the Worship service we will have an important congregational meeting. All Members are ask to attend if possible.

Rummage sale: Mark your calendars: The rummage sale dates are October 3rd & 4th. We are accepting any rummage sale items in the marked rooms down stairs. **We will need lots of help setting up starting September 22.**

Are You Scottish? Please let the office know if you are of Scottish ancestry. We would like to know for our Reformation Day Celebration on October 26th.

Looking for Instrumentalists: If you play a musical instrument and would be willing to share your talents for Worship once in a while please let Dr McDonald know.

Trunk -r-Treat: Will be October 21st at the municipal Park. **We are needing donations of candy for that event.**

ATTENTION, choir veterans and any potential new members! The schedule for the start of choir is going to be a little later than usual this year. Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 25,** at 7:00 p.m. We will rehearse at 7:00 p.m. on October 2 and 9 (also Thursdays) and our first Sunday performance will be **October 12th.** I am really excited about the upcoming season and look forward to gathering together once again to sing God's praises and worship together through His gift of music. See you all on September 25th!

Happy Birthday: The Deacons would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following people this week:

Ahren Steiger	September 9
Barb Miller	September 10
Jennifer Fiers	September 11
Miranda Tittle	September 11
Kailyn Harris	September 12
Christine Ristau	September 12
Joshua Tittle	September 14



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