

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

September 13, 2026

10:30 am

Prelude

*Call to Worship

As the Scripture bears witness, we are created for community.
"Two are better than one, for if they fall, one will lift up their companion."

**"Woe to the one who is alone when they fall
and has no one to help them up.
But a threefold cord is not quickly broken."**

We do not walk the path of faith in isolation.
Christ weaves us together into a living tapestry of love.

**Praise the One who binds us in love and lifts us up in grace.
Let us worship God together!**

**** Hymn: #10 "O Worship the King"***

* Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, You created us for life together.
Yet we confess that we often choose
isolation over vulnerability.
You call us to lift up our companions when they fall,
but we look away and pass on by.
We confess that we have let our bonds fray.
We have withheld forgiveness from friends,
allowed busy schedules to crowd out deep relationships,
and tried to carry our heaviest burdens entirely on our own,
Forgive us for the times we have failed to be faithful friends,
Bind us together once more in the steadfast love of Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

***Stand if you are able**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: God never leaves us to walk alone.
Christ calls us to the grace of community. Even when we
are unfaithful, Christ remains our faithful friend Through
His sacrificial love, our isolation is broken, and we
are restored to the family of God. 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

Invitational Music (#42 Hymnal) JLK

Teacher Recognition

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

- * Doxology #625 (Hymnal)
- * Offertory Prayer

Scripture: John 15: 12 — 17

Sermon: "Close Encounters: Life is Better Together"
Dr. Andrew McDonald

****Hymn: #21 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"***

Prayer Requests and the Lord's Prayer

****Hymn: #108 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"***

*Benediction

*Congregational Response:

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

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Sunday School Teacher: Lisa DeBaillie

Prayer Needs:

Julia Martin,
Kirk McKinzie,
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 cl



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THIS WEEK

Sunday (9-13) Worship 10:30 am

PLEASE NOTE:

Baked Goods Needed: We are collecting baked goods for the Rummage Sale. If you can help, please sign up on the chart at the back of the church. Please bring your baked items **by Wednesday, September 30**, during office hours or at **7:00 PM** that evening.

School Supplies: It's time to start thinking about buying school supplies for our "Operation Christmas Child "Shoeboxes. A lot of places have them on sale now.

Choir: Choir Practices will start Oct 8th at 7 pm. Get your voices ready and come and join us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Rummage Sale: We are still collecting items for our rummage sale on October 1,2 & 3. There are marked rooms in the basement to store your items. Please bring in your gently used items during church office hours. (9-12, tues-fri) or on Sundays.

Pastor's Hours: Dr. McDonald will be available in the church office on Tuesdays from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** You are welcome to stop in or call during this time.

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

Joshua Tittle	September 14
Brian Gentry	September 15
Bob Burnett	September 16
Bryn Lawrence	September 17
Ellie Camlin	September 19



Online Giving is now available!

