

PROCLAIM!

Our stories | God's story

— S T I L L B E I N G W R I T T E N —

September 27, 2026 | 10:00am

Bible Sunday

PRELUDE | *Aria by Craig Phillips* | *Susan Carroll, organ*

PROCESSIONAL & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | *Rev. Jordan Parker*

One: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

All: **We come today carrying many stories. Stories of gratitude, of love, of change, and of uncertainty.**

One: Through every season, God has been faithful. Through every chapter, God has been with us.

All: **We give thanks for the stories we have shared and trust God with the stories still being written.**

One: The Spirit is still moving. God is still speaking. There is still hope to proclaim!

All: **Let us worship the God who holds our past, walks with us in the present, and calls us into the future. Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #81** | *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

1st and 3rd GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

One: Today we celebrate these children and the gift of Scripture.

All: **May these stories become part of their stories.**

One: May these pages remind you that you are never alone—that people have been asking questions, seeking God, making mistakes, finding courage, and discovering love for thousands of years.

All: **We will help you read, wonder, question, and discover.**

One: May you read with curiosity and know that you do not have to understand everything all at once.

All: We promise to learn alongside you, to listen to your questions, and to grow with you in faith.
One: And may this Bible always remind you of a community that loves you, believes in you, and will walk with you as your story continues to unfold.
All: We promise to walk with you. We will remind you that your voice matters, that your questions matter, and that your story belongs in God's story.
One: May these stories lead us all toward love, justice, courage, and hope.
All: And may we keep writing the story together. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC | *How Firm a Foundation* by Alan Rohr | AHCC Bell Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER | Rev. Lara Franklin

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY | *We've Come This Far By Faith* | AHCC Sanctuary Choir; Jermaine Woodard Jr. and Christiana Montalbano, soloists

We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, Trusting in His holy Word, He's never failed me yet.
Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this far by faith.
Don't be discouraged when troubles in your life, He'll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife.
That's why we've ...
Just the other day, I heard a someone say he didn't believe in God's - Word, but I can truly say that God has made a way, and He's never failed me yet.
That's why we've...

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE | *Genesis 12:1-9; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

SERMON | *Journeying by Stages* | Rev. Erica Thompson

***CLOSING HYMN** | *Here I Am, Lord*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | *Toccata on How Firm a Foundation* by Craig Phillips | Susan Carroll, organ

**Please rise on your feet or in your heart*