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For we know,
brothers loved
by God, that he
has chosen you,

1 Thessalonians 1:4 ESV

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“Chosen to Make A Difference”

Today's Service

October 18, 2026

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Please note: the * symbol means to please stand if you can comfortably do so.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal TFWS = The Faith We Sing W&S = Worship & Song

Prelude "The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)" Bryan Fowler, Jacob Sooter, and Matt
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Opening Praise Song * "From the Rising of the Sun" TFWS #2024

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship and Congregational Prayer*

Hymn of Praise* "I've Got Peace Like a River" TFWS #2145

Congregational Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and a Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem "He Gives Me Joy" words: J. Paul Williams, Music: Kirk Bullington,
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Children's Time

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon "Chosen to Make a Difference"

Offertory "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Words and Music by Ken Medema,
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Doxology* "Love the Lord Your God" TFWS #2168

Benediction Song* "How Majestic is Your Name" TFWS #2023

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus," by Thomas Williams,
arr. Mary Ann Fritz, Instrumental by Mary Kay Grout

CCLI #1147258

Breaking Bread: Breaking Bread Sunday November 1, 11:15 Yes, it's that time of year everyone asks about. Connie Alicie with her wonderful Family will once again spoil us with the Italian flavors of their family dishes. Bring a friend to church, stay for a free will lunch. Or just come to lunch and enjoy a home cooked meal with lots of love. Hope to see you here, everyone is invited to the table



Help Us Share God's Love: Our kids have earned one chicken, one goat and one cow at a time. We are working on the idea that one child can make a difference. As you have seen your gifts have made a difference in the lives of our children here at McMurry. Because of that, our children know that they are making a difference. We cannot thank you enough for your support!!

Cost for Each Animal Flock of Ducks-\$20; Flock of Chickens-\$20; Honey Bees-\$30; Garden Seeds-\$60; Pigs, Goats, and Sheep-\$120 each; Water Buffalo-\$250; and Cow-\$500

Watch as our thermometer rises. Watch the faces of the children as they collect their quarters and money. Even children can do God's work. A child can make a difference.

Trunk or Treat: We will be joining the Village of Claycomo for their Trunk or Treat this year. It is October 24th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park The address is 55 NE Poe Street, Kansas City, MO. In case of inclement weather it will be held in the Claycomo Community Center, 28 Drake Street. Come join the fun!



The Giving Tree continues to help others. we will be providing things for Maplewoods Elementary School. We will be collecting winter coats. Please bring all children's sizes K through 5th Grade. They have also requested USB-C headphones (the students like the ones that go over their ears, not in them); pull-ons size 8 or bigger, some students could probably even wear the small size of pull-on adult diapers. We will be collecting through October 25th.



Food Pantry: For October, we are collecting any kind of soup. As of October 11th, we have collected 150 cans of soup, 14 other items for a total of 164 items. Thank you for your generosity, McMurry!

Listening Sessions: Don't forget, there is one session left to share your ideas with Pastor Tricia. That session is the evening of Tuesday, October 20th from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. If you would still like to sit down with Pastor Tricia please call or email the office with a date and time that would work for you and we will see if we can get a session

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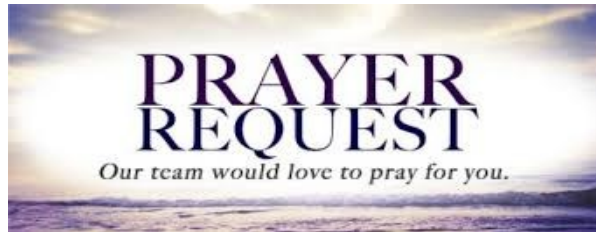
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New Here?

We are so happy you are here!
We would love to connect with you after Worship.



All are welcome to attend the Prayer Team's meeting at the church every Thursday at 2 p.m.

Please help keep our published prayer list current,
email new prayers or changes to prayers@mcmurrychurch.org.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday (Today)	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
Monday (10/19)	
Tuesday (10/20)	
Wednesday (10/21)	12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - Game Day in the Multipurpose Room 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Choir in the Balcony
Thursday (10/22)	10:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. - Chair Yoga in the Multipurpose Room 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - Prayer Team in the Library
Friday (10/23)	10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. - Heartland Residential in Fellowship Hall
Saturday (10/24)	2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. - Trunk or Treat at Mildren Keeney Memorial Park
Sunday (10/25)	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

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Call to Worship

Leader: We give thanks for the love that welcomes us, the people who encourage us, and the hope that sustains us.

All: We gather as God's beloved community, ready to grow in faith and let Christ's love ripple into the world.

All: Loving God, thank you for calling us beloved and surrounding us with people who help us grow. Forgive us when we make belonging difficult or keep your gifts to ourselves. Through prayer, Scripture, fellowship, and acts of mercy, shape us into a community of gratitude, courage, and compassion. May our words offer encouragement, our hands serve our neighbors, and our lives reflect the love of Christ. Guide us to welcome those who are new to faith, those who have questions, and those who long for a place to belong. In Christ's name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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