



Nursery Staff Needed! We're looking for paid and volunteer servants who love children to help keep the nursery during worship as a way to minister to our young families! Anyone willing to help – even once or twice – can fill out an **application** here: www.polkcityumc.org



3rd & 4th Grade Bibles Children in 3rd and 4th Grades will be presented with Bibles during worship **next Sunday, October 10th!** We'd love to have their names so we can prepare their bible just for them! **Register here:** www.polkcityumc.org



Church Fall Festival Join us next **Sunday Oct. 10** immediately following worship as we come together for a time of fun and connection. Enjoy food, games, a mission project, crafts and other activities for all ages! **More information:** www.polkcityumc.org

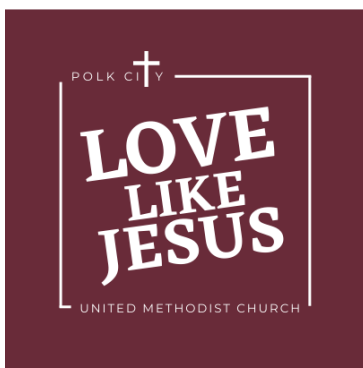


Confirmation The next confirmation class for any **students in 8th grade & up** begins Oct. 24 and will meet about every other Sunday right after worship throughout the school year. We'll be taking some fun field trips, too! **Register here:** www.polkcityumc.org



Missions: Flood Buckets & Coat Drive Two ways to be personally involved in helping others. Donate items for UMCOR Flood Cleaning kits for those impacted by recent hurricanes, and bring coats of all sizes for UMW's collection for Bidwell-Riverside and Hawthorn Hills.

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*Jesus asked, "What do you think?
Which one of these three was a neighbor
to the man who encountered thieves?"
Then the legal expert said,
"The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."
Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."
Luke 10:36-37*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
OCTOBER 3, 2021



#LOVELIKEJESUS | Fall Worship Series

Love isn't just something you feel - Love does. Love acts in ways that brings healing, wholeness and restoration. Love can lead the way to a better life. Join us for a fall worship series that studies Jesus' life, teachings and actions so that we can become more deeply committed Christians who Love like Jesus!

Fall Bible Challenge

Join us as we read through the Gospel of Luke in 6 weeks! Find the reading plan at www.polkcityumc.org/grow

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GATHERING SONG

“Forever Reign”

WELCOME/CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship

Please record your presence in the Facebook comments or the website connect card

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Steve Hammond

One: We are called to love the Lord our God

Many: We are called to love with all our heart and soul

One: We are called to love the Lord our God

Many: We are called to love with all our mind and strength

One: We are called to love the Lord our God

Many: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

One: Come, let us love our God and share God’s love in this time of worship!

SONG OF PRAISE

“Jesus Messiah”

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Holy God, we come together to worship, a people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might; but there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention that we often relegate you to Sundays or Wednesdays, and times when we want you to rescue us. Most of us really do want to follow your Way of Love. We really do want to hear your voice above all of the other voices in our lives. But we get bogged down in the daily routine. We forget who we are. We forget who you are. We forget what the church is supposed to be. So here we are, standing before you today, with our human failings and our short attention spans, asking that you would make yourself known to us, that you would help us to recognize the presence of the Holy, that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

www.polkcityumc.org/children

Children age 3 & up are invited to a time of children’s worship, message & activities and will return during closing song

JOYS & CONCERNS

Turn to a neighbor to share joys and concerns, or submit prayer requests in the Facebook comments or the Attendance Card on our website or in the bulletin

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER

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.

SONG OF REFLECTION

“For the Healing of the Nations” vs. 1,2,4

Hymn #423

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37 (CEB)

SERMON

“Love Gives Generously”

Pastor Melody Webb

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING

www.polkcityumc.org/give

Your gift in-person, by mail or phone, or online at www.polkcityumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church. Thank you for your extravagant generosity.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We celebrate an open table where Christ himself is the host and invites all who love him to come and receive.

SONG OF SENDING

“Love the Lord”

BENEDICTION

October Kindness Challenge | Oct 3 – 31

- During the month of October, let’s demonstrate love and kindness throughout our community and circles of influence! The challenge is to complete at least **one act of kindness each day**.
- Use the hashtags **#polkcityumc** and **#lovelikejesus** to share the challenge on social media
- Hand out “**Kindness Tags**” when appropriate to encourage others to pass it on (pick up at the Welcome Table)

Fall Bible Challenge | Week of October 3 – 9

- Read Luke chapters 9-12
- Find questions for reflection or discussion at www.polkcityumc.org/grow
- Want to join a texting, Facebook or in-person small group for discussion? Email Pastor Melody to get connected! melody.webb@polkcityumc.org

NEXT SUNDAY

- Presentation of 3rd & 4th Grade Bibles & Children’s Time with Puppets during worship!
- Church Fall Festival after worship!