

It is a privilege to have you join us today in praising God.

We hope you will return to share worship with us. If you are interested in learning more about the congregation or perhaps church membership, please call the church office at 228-255-5556 or Pastor Jason at 706-968-8395.

Large print copies of today's hymns are available in the Narthex.

Please ask the Greeters or Ushers for a copy and return the copies to the Narthex so they may be used again. Hearing devices are available each week. Please see an usher if you would like one.

The Sanctuary flowers this morning are placed by Jeannine Stone in memory of her husband Jerry Clay Stone and her son William Clay Stone.

Members and friends may sign up in Fellowship Hall to provide flowers for placement in the Sanctuary on any Sunday that is open. Call the office with any questions, 255-5556.

Fellowship Time is offered after both worship services. We encourage everyone to enjoy refreshments, welcome visitors and greet each other. Today is the Covered Dish Luncheon following the 10 a.m. service.

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Schedule

9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. – Infants to Kindergarten age are cared for in the nursery.

(Parents – If needed, there is a Family Room located through the double doors at the rear of the Sanctuary. It contains a crib, rockers and a window. You will be able to hear and see the Worship Service. If you do use the family room, please sign in and add any suggestions you may have to make the room better.)

10:00 a.m. - Children from Grades K -5 may leave church with a leader for Children's Church following "Passing of the Peace."

Assisting in the Worship Service

Lay Reader: Tor Lunde

Acolyte: Riley Mitchell

Greeters: Annika Lunde & Lars Lunde

Session

Rev. Jason Edwards, Moderator; Joshua Lindsey, Clerk of Session

Session Class of 2019 – Dana Nelson, Membership; Joan Parmelee, Administration & Communication; Doug Stovall, Family Ministries

Session Class of 2020 – Nita Hensley, Mission; Mike Reso, Finance/Stewardship; Steve Spillmann, Worship; Bill Buchanan

Session Class of 2021 - Greg Cullom, Christian Education; Heidi Byrd, Fellowship and Service; Dan Seliga, Building and Facilities; Margaret Waterson, CYM

Other Chairs and Vice Chairs –Jere Hess, Little School Board Chair

Deacons

Betty Lou Walker, Moderator

Class of 2019

Kay Bodamer
Dawna Meyn
Jeannine Stone

Class of 2020

Joyce Minton
Gail Seliga

Class of 2021

Phyllis Dowell
Betty Lou Walker
Stephen Parnell

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jason C. Edwards
Admin. Secretary/Treasurer: Laura Deese
Youth Leader: Chad Coats

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Charles R. Jones
Choir Director: Barbara Knapstein
Organist: Cathy Bennett

Diamondhead Community Church

Gather, Grow and Go,
In the Name of Jesus Christ



Our mission is to *gather* to pray and worship together, to *grow* in our faith through study of scripture, to foster personal relationships with God and one another, and to *go* diligently to spread the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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DIAMONDHEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 15, 10 A.M.

JASON C. EDWARDS, PASTOR

Prelude "How Firm A Foundation" arr. Berry

Welcome and Church Notices Tor Lunde

Please take a moment to pass the red friendship pad so all may register their presence with us.

If you are visiting us for the first time, WELCOME!

Music Ministry Introit:

† Call To Worship

Pastor: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

People: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

Pastor: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

People: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God. With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

Pastor: This is the Lord's day!

People: Come, let us worship God.

† Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" No. 575

Call to Confession:

Brother and sisters, amid the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this: God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us of our sins. Confident in the grace and love of God, let us confess our sins together, praying first silently and then together.

Prayer of Confession:

(A time for personal confession)

Eternal God, we confess that it is much easier to say we follow Jesus than to do it.

We accept more readily the ways of the world than the strange way of the cross.

What others think of us is often more important than what you think of us.

Forgive us, O God, and teach us to be faithful followers of the way of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Call to Worship:

We need to be "called" to come and worship God because we default to thinking the world revolves around our needs and agendas and also because we struggle to believe that God truly wants us to draw near to him. The call to worship focuses our attention on God and prepares us to meet him.

Confessing Our Sin:

Because sin is so pervasive in both our individual and corporate lives, we are called to come before God with honesty and transparency, confessing our failures and brokenness and asking for both healing and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We confess individually so that we might own our personal failing toward God and toward others in thought, word, and deed.

Corporate Confession:

...and we confess corporately to show our unity even in our brokenness.

Assurance of Pardon:

Christ has given the Church authority to declare forgiveness of sin in his name. Because of this, when the liturgist proclaims that your sins are forgiven, you can know that Christ agrees.

† Passing of the Peace

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Trespases)

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 trespases, 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY "Be Still, My Soul" arr. Berry

† DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 815

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ministry of Music "10,000 Reasons" arr. Sorensen
Chancel Choir

Scripture **Jonah 1:1-6; 15-17** OT., page 859-860/1053

Sermon "Distributors of Grace"

† Affirmation of Faith: *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Hymn "The Solid Rock" No. 526

† Charge and Benediction

† Postlude "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" arr. Berry
Schuler



Passing of the Peace:

Christ's work of reconciliation offers us forgiveness for our sins and the possibility of genuine fellowship and reconciliation in community. Thus, in many Christian traditions, after hearing the words of assurance, worshipers are invited to share gestures of peace with each other.

The Sermon:

The reading and preaching of God's word stands at the center of worship and constitutes one of the privileged moments of worship. As we open the written word, we corporately encounter the living word, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as you listen, pray to be open to the Spirit's leading, exhortation, encouragement, and healing.

The Offering:

The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship. The money given at the offering is a token and symbol of our desire to devote our whole selves to God's service in response to God's faithfulness to us.

When an **(8)** or **(10)** follows an element of service, it represents the (8) o'clock service or (10) o'clock service.

† When this symbol precedes an element of service, please rise in body or spirit if able.

Prayer Concerns

(Please call the church office to add updates on the people named below or to add someone to our Prayer Concern list.)

Diane Boan, Bill Bottomley, friend of Jon O'Regan; Michelle Coble, Dori Curbelo (Carl & Ligia Reavis' daughter); Julie Davis (Greggory Daniels mother); Jere Hess, Audrey Jenkins (friend of Helen Moore), Jennifer Jenkins (daughter of Marcus & Del Rowe), Don Kraemer, Fred Lowe, Duff Morgan (friend of Jon O'Regan); Gene & Barbara Nicks, Carl & Ligia Reavis, Joseph Ruggles, Beth Skeen, Dru Sweetman, Jon Trimmer, and Donna White. **In the Military:** Franklin Crochet, Capt. Brandon Donaldson, Jeremiah Hanna, Drew LeGros (grandson of Irene Lear), Navy; Gary Light; Dennis Necaie, Branden Witt, classified locations, Air Force, (deployed to Kuwait;) Air Force; Larry Threadgill, Navy Seal and Youth Night attendees' parent. Brandon VanBenthuyzen, and Michael Van Benthuyzen, grandchildren of Carol Guilmino. Brandon is a Green Beret assigned to Afghanistan and Michael is in Helicopter training in Virginia. **Members in long-term alternative living arrangements:** Lois Anderson, Maggie MacMillan, Dot Morrison, Joann Powell, John Stevens, Ed Streeter, and Doris Sturm.

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education

A Closer Walk With God is on-going following the 8:00 a.m. Worship service. Study leaders are Lenita Cuervo and Ginny Eblen.

Thru the Bible Study Group will be studying Philemon in the Library following the 8:00 a.m. Worship service. Study leader is Bill Hudson.

Sunday Morning Children and Youth Christian Education

Children studies meet in the Nursery
Youth studies meet in the Sofa Room

Mid-Week Adult Christian Education

There is an on-going **Men's Bible Study** (the Matthew Group) that meets every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club. The group is currently studying the *Gospel of Mark*.

Three Presbyterian Women Circles will be meeting on the following dates and locations: Lydia - September 15 - at the home of Anne Edwards; Anna - September 19 - at the church. Dorcus - October 8 - at the home of Debbie O'Regan;

Activities for the Week

Sunday, September 15, 2019

10 a.m. – Worship
9 a.m. – Nursery care begins, Admin. Bldg.
11:30 - Covered Dish Luncheon

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

6:30 - Coast Chorale Practice

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

7 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
Meets at the Diamondhead Country Club
9 a.m. - Circle of Prayer Gathering - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Gathering
5:30 - 7p.m. - Youth Night
6:30 - Choir Practice

Thursday, September 19, 2019

7 p.m. - A.A. Meeting - Conference Room

Saturday, September 21, 2019

8 a.m. - MOC Monthly Breakfast

Treasurer's Report

September 1, 2019 Total	\$2,365.00
Envelope Offerings	2,195.00
Building Fund	10.00
Loose Plate Offerings	100.00
DHD Group	60.00

Church Financial Report

Year to Date as of August 2019
Income \$186,432; Expenses \$188,396
Net Operating Loss (\$1,964)

Attendance, Sunday, September 8, 2019

8 a.m. - 32: 10 a.m. - 95, Total = 127

Youth Attendance, Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Adults - 6: Youth - 22: Total - 28

Meal Provided by
The Armstrong Family

Bible Versus of the Week: Jonah 3:6-10

6When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. 7This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. 8But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. 9Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Missions

We have great news - The King's Kitchen is back on again for Saturday, September 28th. We will have a cooking team coming on Friday to do the preparation and cooking.

Please signup and indicate on the sign in sheet in Fellowship Hall if you can do one or both of the following:

- 1) Bake a cake to serve 12 in a disposable pan and bring it to the church on Friday morning between 9:00 - 11:00 am. We need 8 cakes.
- 2) Help serve at King's Kitchen on Saturday morning, September 28. We will be leaving for the church no later than 10:00 am.

Thank you. It will be a great time and so important to our community.

Men of the Church

On Saturday, September 21, the Men of the Church will gather for our regular monthly breakfast, at the regular time of 8:00 AM in a cooperative effort with the Diamondhead Arts and Crafts Show, which is being held at the Diamondhead Community Church facilities.

In this regard we have invited the vendors who are participating in the show to join us for breakfast before their activities begin. After the breakfast we will be available for the vendors if they are in need of any help.

We are encouraging all Men of the Church to join us

Birthdays

Frank Cuervo	09/17	Cheryl Bradley	09/29
Barbara Linville	09/18	Elaine McElveen	09/29
Nevaeh Lanier	09/20	LM Rice	09/29
Don Perkins	09/20	Martha Bryan	10/01
Annika Lunde	09/22	Bob Meith	10/02
Lars Lunde	09/22	Ligia Reavis	10/04
Barbara Wittliff	09/23	Til Garrison	10/12
JJ Skinner	09/27	John Yarbrough	10/12
Chas Jones	09/28	Barbara Knapstein	10/13

Anniversaries

John & Sharon McDonough	09/17/2016
Dan & Gail Seliga	09/27/1991
Chad & Melody Coats	10/08/2006
George & Heidi Byrd	10/10/2014
Chuck & Sandra McCombs	10/10/1964

A Food Donation container for the Hancock County Food Pantry is in Fellowship Hall and is available at any time for non-perishable food donations. You can also make a monetary donation by either putting your donation in your offering envelope and designating a portion for the Food Pantry, or you can send it directly to the Food Pantry at P.O. Box 4313, Bay St. Louis 39521.

Presbyterian Women

PW is also seeking donations during September and October for small school supplies that will fit in OCC Shoeboxes. (Please **no** liquids or glue sticks.)

The Deacons coordinate transportation, with advance notice, to local medical appointments in Diamondhead, Gulfport, or Slidell for members, their spouses, and active church friends. The Deacons can use volunteers to assist in this wonderful ministry here at DCC. Dawna Meyn is the coordinator for September and October. She can be reached at 228-342-6445 or you can contact the church office.

Denominational Discernment

Congregational Vote Sunday, September 29th at 5 PM

The Presbytery of Mississippi has set a date for a congregational consultation with the presbytery. This congregational consultation will be held on Sunday, **September 29th at 5 PM.** The purpose of this congregational consultation is to vote on whether the membership as a body should withdraw from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC).

There is no voting by proxy. Only those present and in good standing will be allowed to vote. A secret ballot of the congregation members will be taken on the categorical question: "Shall the membership of Diamondhead Community Church request dismissal as a body by the Presbytery of Mississippi to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), another Reformed body?"