



ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 16, 2026

*Indicates times when those who are able may stand.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: NEELY WELLS | LAUREN COLBY NICKELS

MUSIC FOR GATHERING | Playlist by Tech Team

WELCOME | Shawn Sullivan

***OPENING HYMN** | "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

***WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED** | Neely Wells

People of Starkville GMC: In whom do we trust and in whom do we believe?

***We 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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.***

***The third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from which He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

***GLORIA PATRI**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS | Genny Prewitt and J Nelson

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD | 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11 | J Nelson

5 ... you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night. 6 So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. 7 Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. 8 But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.

9 For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. 10 Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. 11 So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

WE SEEK GOD IN PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER | J Nelson

COMMUNITY NEWS & GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS | Neely Wells

SONG OF PRAISE | "What a Beautiful Name It Is"

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & PRAYER OF THANKS | Lauren Colby Nickels

ANTHEM | "Quiet Faith" | Adult Choir

***THE SPOKEN WORD | Bob Rambo**

TEXT | LUKE 16:1-9

1 Jesus told this story to his disciples: There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer's money. 2 So the employer called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about you? Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired.'

3 The manager thought to himself, 'Now what? My boss has fired me. I don't have the strength to dig ditches, and I'm too proud to beg. 4 Ah, I know how to ensure that I'll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired!'

5 So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe him?' 6 The man replied, 'I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.' So the manager told him, 'Take the bill and quickly change it to

400 gallons.’ 7 “‘And how much do you owe my employer?’ he asked the next man. ‘I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,’ was the reply. ‘Here,’ the manager said, ‘take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.’

8 The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light. 9 Here’s the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.

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*** THE INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS** | “Trust and Obey”

*** SENDING FORTH** | Bob Rambo

CHORAL BENEDICTION | “Grace, Love, and Fellowship”

Members of our Prayer Ministry Team will be at the rear of the church for a few moments, and are available to pray with you and for you.

***MUSIC FOR DEPARTING** | Playlist from Tech Team



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Sermon Title

Today's Date

Sermon Notes

Key Verses

Key Takeaways