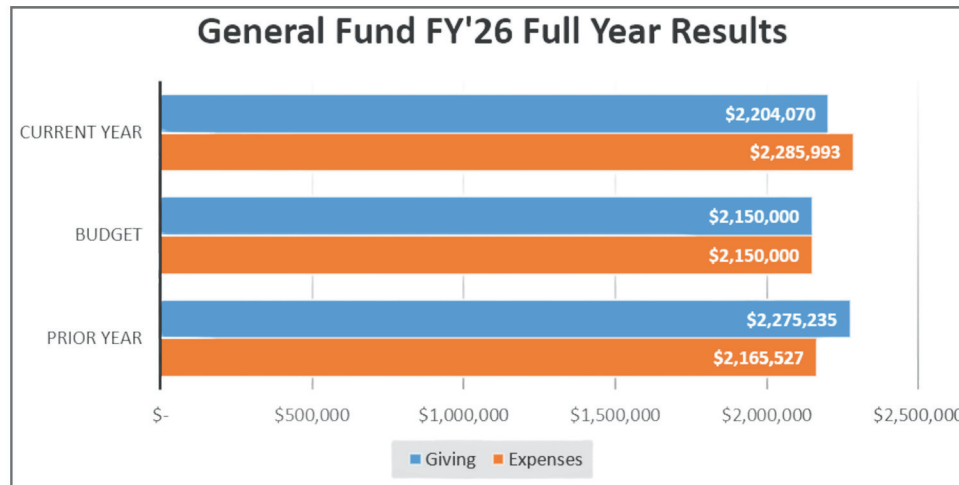


SAVE THE DATES

- Sunday, 08/16**
- NEPC Ministry Fair
 - FINAL Directory Photo Day
- Sunday, 08/30** NEPC Kids Open House
- Tuesday, 09/01** Lunch Bunch
- Tuesday, 09/08** Life Line Screening
- Sunday, 09/13**
- New Members Class begins
 - Grief Share begins



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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 16, 2026

Prelude: “Sinfonia 11 BWV 797”

Frank Sanders

Comp: J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Josh Desch

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: *Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness.*

People: Choose this day whom you will serve.

Pastor: *But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*

People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: *Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his.*

All: *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

Joshua 24:14-15; Psalm 100:2-3 (ESV)

Hymn: “As For Me And My House”

Apostle’s Creed

Pastor Eric Walter

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; 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.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9 (ESV)

RESPONSE

Hymn: “God You’re So Good”

Doxology

Hymn 384

Kid’s Church Dismissal

OFFERTORY

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Walter

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem: “Come Find His Rest

Arr. Dan Forrest

Come, weary one, leave thy labors. Come lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend. His arms are opened wide, O soul, be satisfied. Come find His rest. Take His yoke upon thee, for He is gentle and lowly in heart. So learn from Christ the Lord, Thy portion and reward. Come find His rest. Come weary one, leave thy labors. Come lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend. His arms are open wide, O soul, be satisfied. Come find His rest. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest. Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was. So weary, worn, and sad. I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

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INSTRUCTION

Message: “Prayer, the Word, and Suffering”

Pastor Desch

Scripture:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (ESV)

1. The Path of Jesus

2. The Promise of Jesus

3. Getting Uncomfortable for Jesus

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Hymn: “Come Unto Jesus”

Hymn 321

Benediction

Pastor Desch

Postlude: “Mazurka Op. 68, No. 3”

Comp: Chopin

Frank Sanders