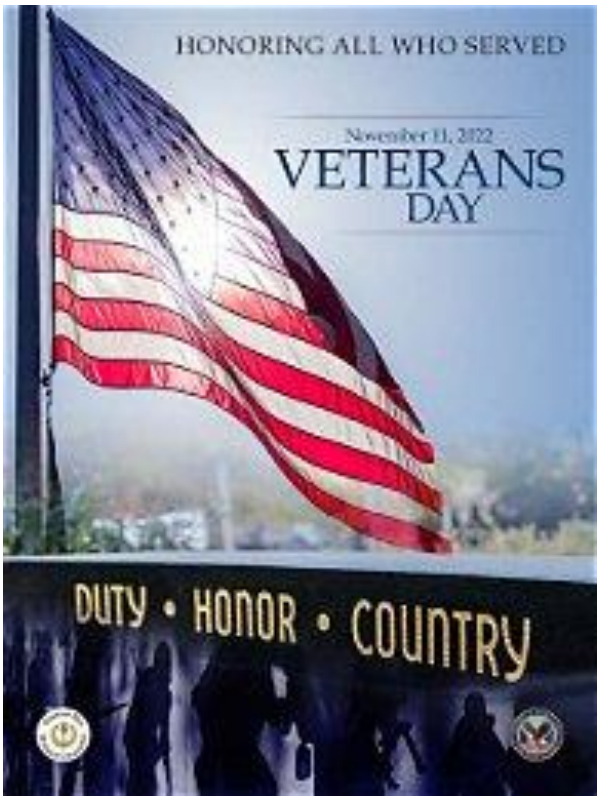


Church of the Hills

"No Greater Love"

Psalm 91

John 15:12-17

Pastor Richard Aylor

November 8, 2026

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude "March of the King of Laitch" Dan Hock

Welcome Pastor Richard Aylor

Moment for Stewardship Alan Lebsock

****Call to Worship**

Leader: People of God, listen: the Lord has done marvelous things.

People: Teach your children all that God has done so that they may live in hope and die in peace.

****Opening Hymn** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies " Purple Hymnal 338

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

****Invitation to Confession** Cindy Sahli

Leader: Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness.

People: Trusting in the mercy of God, we confess our sin that we might find forgiveness and new life in Christ.

****Prayer of Confession**

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

People: We believe the gospel! We are forgiven.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness** "Give Thanks" Purple Hymnal 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: **Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises that we might hear your truth and enjoy you forever; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Psalm 91

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."
3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence;
4 he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and defense.
5 You will not fear the terror of the night
or the arrow that flies by day
6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
7 A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
8 You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,
10 no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.
11 For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
12 On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
13 You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
14 Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
15 When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.

16 With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

Ministry of Music "Armed Forces Medley" Christi Todd and Sheresa Wilbanks

New Testament Reading John 15:12-17

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has
greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do
what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know
what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I
appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever
you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon "No Greater Love"

****Response to Sermon** "Amazing Grace" Purple Hymnal 649

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost,
but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved. How precious did
that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures. He will my shield and
portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun, we've no less days
to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Purple Hymnal 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the 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 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.

****Closing Hymn** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God " Purple Hymnal 275

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude "Flowers of the Forest"

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is <u>Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.</u>

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the <u>following week's</u> communication publications and job tasks.

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*Hymnals are indicated for those that may have them at home.
Blue - "The Presbyterian Hymnal"
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Yellow - "Hymns for the Family of God"

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