



We are a joyful community of faith called to:  
**Proclaim** the Christian gospel in worship and education  
**Love** one another, and  
**Witness** to Jesus Christ through prayer, compassion,  
and justice in our broken and fearful world.  
As children of God, we live not on our own, but by  
**God's saving grace.**

August 31, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather as God’s People

- ❖ INDICATES CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND.
- WORDS IN BOLD INDICATE CONGREGATIONAL PARTICIPATION.

MEDITATION

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”  
~ Martin Luther King Jr.

The Lord be with you!  
**And also with you!**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Clee Lee

*Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those sitting next to you.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION  
Greer/Habitat for Humanity John

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE  
Trio in *Mit Freuden* Zart

OPENING WORDS  
Sally Goodrich

God said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”  
Let the people say with confidence,  
**The Lord is our helper; we will not be afraid.**  
**What can anyone do to us?**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, Author and Giver of all good things,  
Plant in our hearts the love of your name;  
Increase in us true righteousness;  
Nourish us with all goodness;  
And bring forth in us the fruit of your good works;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with you  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

❖ HYMN #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN  
ZART

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God;  
yet we are justified by the gift of God’s grace.  
**Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin as God’s children.**

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED FOR GOD’S GRACE

**O Lord our God,**  
**You call us to proclaim the gospel,**  
**But we remain silent in the presence of evil.**  
**You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,**  
**But we are content to live in separation.**  
**You call us to seek the good of all,**  
**But we fail to resist the powers of oppression.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**  
**Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,**

*(silent confession)*



❖ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## We Hear God's Word

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN

**“The Lord’s Prayer for Little Ones” (sung):**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,**

and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(from PCUSA “Brief Statement of Faith”)

❖ HYMN #762

“When the Poor Ones”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

(After each prayer from the congregation, the pastor will say, “Lord, in your mercy,” and the congregation will respond, “Hear our prayer.” The corporate prayer is then followed by the Lord’s prayer.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(pastor continues prayer)

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us join our voices in the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

**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.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

“O Christ the Same”

Carl F. Schalk

O Christ the same, through all our story’s pages,  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;  
eternal Lord, the king of al the ages,

unchanging still amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing  
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;  
still as of old upon your body bearing  
the marks of love in triumph glorified:  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,  
O Prince of life, in all your saving pow’r,  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:  
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping  
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,  
For all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee,  
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,  
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Please place your signed attendance sheet in the offering plate as it is passed.

❖ DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Christ, all people here below;**  
**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**  
**Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Share God’s Word

❖ HYMN #463

FOUNDATION

“How Firm a Foundation”

POSTLUDEToccata on Foundation

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- Elder of the Day:** Stokes Peebles
- Announcements:** Clee Lee
- Liturgist:** Sally Goodrich
- Children’s Sermon:** Karyn Henley
- Bible Buddies:** Kim Maphis Early, Robert Early, David Williams
- Welcome Table:** Burkley Allen,
- Ushers:** Burkley Allen, Kathy Ianni, Baird Dixon, Cindy Dixon
- Door Attendant:** Mary Moody
- Money Counter:** Priscilla Coe
- Coffee:** Jan Sharlet

This week’s events

<b>Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Café)</li><li>10:30 a.m. Worship</li></ul>	<b>Wednesday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8:30 a.m. Strength Training (Session Room)</li></ul>
<b>Monday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8:30 a.m. Strength Training (Session Room)</li></ul>	<b>Friday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8:30 a.m. Strength Training (Session Room)</li></ul>

Upcoming Events

- Sunday 9/7** Genesis Sunday Breakfast; Rev. Courtney Veazey joins us
- Sunday 9/21** Installation of Rev. Courtney Veazey
- Sunday 10/5** Children’s Sabbath & Trunk or Treat
- Weekend of 10/25-26** All-Church Retreat

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*Note: Announcements are now in a separate brochure available in the narthex. Or access them with the QR code at right.*



Session Members

<b><u>Class of 2025</u></b> Margaret Blair (Outreach) Susan Brantley (Congregational Care) Alan Fey (Personnel) Nancy Morris (Fellowship) Jeff Davidson (Property) Lisa Pellegrin (Worship)	<b><u>Class of 2026</u></b> Burkley Allen (Membership) Priscilla Coe (Clerk) Jennifer Harvey (Children & Youth) Stokes Peebles (Finance) Jacky Samuels (Fellowship) Diana Nelson (Adult Education)	<b><u>Class of 2027</u></b> John Bradford (Personnel) Annette Calloway (Children & Youth) Laura Denison (Outreach) Jesse Newkirk (Congregational Care) Brian Overton (Worship) David Stone (Property)
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Our Staff

- Interim Pastor** | Rev. Evelyn Graham
- Director of Music Ministry** | Jeanette MacCallum
- Organist** | Douglas Murray
- Administrator** | Nicole Gagliano Armstrong
- Property Manager** | Allen Townsend (615.852.8257)
- Administrative and Communications Coordinator** | Terry Quillen
- Audio/Visual Technician** | Tara Echterling

Regular office hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday

Please note: Office tomorrow (September 1) Labor Day.

