

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY		
August 23, 2026		
THE GATHERING		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Based on Psalm138	
Leader:	With my whole heart, I will give thanks.	
People:	We come with hearts unguarded, glad to be here.	
Leader:	You are high above all things, yet you look upon the lowly.	
People:	You draw near to us — even here, even now.	
Leader:	The Lord will fulfill his purpose for us.	
People:	Your steadfast love endures forever.	
	Do not forsake the work of your hands.	
All:	Let us worship God!	
*HYMN 263	All Hail the Power	CORONATION
*PRAYER OF THE DAY		
*CALL TO CONFESSION		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.		
Silent Prayer		
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
Leader:	The peace of Christ be with you all.	
People:	And also with you.	
*GLORIA 582		
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen World without end, without end. Amen. (3x) As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.		
THE WORD		
TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING		
	Isaiah 51:1-6	
Leader:	This is the Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
*HYMN 81	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	AUSTRIAN HYMN
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING		
	Matthew 16:13-20	
Leader:	This is the Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	On This Rock	Rev. Beth Newman
OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE		
CHORAL ANTHEM		
ELDER INSTALLATION		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
	A Scriptural Affirmation	
Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.		
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PASTORAL PRAYER 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.		
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*THE DOXOLOGY 609		
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus, fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia alleluia!	
*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING		
*HYMN 269	Lead On, O King Eternal!	LANCASHIRE
THE SENDING		
*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION		
	May the love of God go with you from this place. May your hours and days show forth his praise.	
*Rise in body or spirit.		
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Leading in worship today: Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman Music Director: Kathy Wiggins Elder of the Month: Lisa Monnat		

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshiping here for the first time today, Welcome! We are glad to have you join in our worship service.

SUNDAY SERVICE: Sunday service is at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. It is also on Facebook and YouTube Live Stream.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS: Pastor Beth leads a class on Sunday mornings in the Hut from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. This class is discussion-based and open to any adult or teen who would like to come.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday Bible Study will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

EIGHTH DAY OF CREATION: Registration and set-up for the fall artwork exhibit will be Saturday, September 5th from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. If you have an entry and are not available during this time please contact Melanie Lambert.

FLOWER CHART: There is a Flower Chart in the narthex, on the left as you enter the main door. If you would like to bring flowers for our Sanctuary, write your name and telephone number under the month and date. If you would like to donate them in honor or memory of someone, please drop a note in the offering plate.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 am. Anyone is welcome. Please join us!

Back Porch Bible Study - Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the home of Martha Rich. For more information, call Martha at 770-851-6852.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Parlor.

Session Meeting - Session meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Women's Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Everett Street Diner except for the second Thursday of each month, when the location will be decided on.

Men's Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at The Tuck & Table.

Daily Change Offering - Every second Sunday of each month.

Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch, and have fellowship.

Coffee & Fellowship - Every first Sunday after worship service.

Food Pantry - Every Monday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and every Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Manna Market Wednesdays - Manna distributes every other Wednesday at the Church Food Pantry for anyone who wishes to pick up food.

AA Meetings - Monday at noon, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and the last Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m in the Fellowship Hall.



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BCPC Elders: Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Collin Caldwell (Clerk), Merle Carroll (Elder Elect), Bill Helwig (Worship Committee), Bob Jordan (Building & Grounds), Dan Manley (Community Outreach), Lisa Monnat (Personnel), Melanie Lambert & Diana Ranson (Congregational Life) Carol Sussman (Finance/ Treasurer)

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BUT WHOM SAY YE THAT I AM?

Simon Peter answered

You Are The Christ
The Son Of The Living God

Matthew 16:16

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We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we . . .

Engage and encourage one another in worship and fellowship

Learn together as we grow in discipleship and

Reach out in love.