

This week's liturgical color is green which symbolizes our time for growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ. This season which is known as "ordinary time" starts after Pentecost and ends at the Christmas season.

Prelude: Fresh Wind by Hillsong Worship

Lighting of the Candles

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

Free Call to Worship:

God of heaven and earth,
we long to be truly free.
In this hour of worship,
help us to grasp the freedom that comes
from seeing you more clearly,
loving you more dearly,
and following you more nearly.
Day by day, give us strength and courage
to be your people in this time, in this place. Amen.

Announcements and Highlights from out last Board Meeting (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

Scripture on Prayer: Psalm 69:13 (CEB)

¹³But me? My prayer reaches you, LORD,
at just the right time.
God, in your great and faithful love,
answer me with your certain salvation

Congregational Prayer

We draw near to you Almighty God, united as brothers and sisters within your kingdom. Gathered together, we lift our eyes to see your face. Expectant with faith, we lay our lives before you. Lord, may your Holy Spirit transform us, may your light shine upon us and bring peace. We open our ears to hear good news, we open our eyes to see your truth and we open our hearts to receive your endless love. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: To God Be the Glory

No. 98

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 (CEB) read by Donny Jenkins

¹The LORD is my shepherd.
I lack nothing.
²He lets me rest in grassy meadows;
he leads me to restful waters;
³he keeps me alive.
He guides me in proper paths
for the sake of his good name.
⁴Even when I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no danger because you are with me.
Your rod and your staff—
they protect me.
⁵You set a table for me
right in front of my enemies,
You bathe my head in oil;
my cup is so full it spills over!
⁶Yes, goodness and faithful love
will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the LORD's house
as long as I live.

This is the word of God for the people of God,
Thanks be to GOD!

Gloria Patri

No. 70

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
A-men. A-men.

Children's Moment: Led by Patty Robbins

At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the front pew to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offering

(Thank you for your generosity!)

Ushers: Women's Team (Amy G., Alberta M., Christy S., and Lana P.)

Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray together.
**Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them
our lives,
to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Offertory Music: Immortal, Invisible, Arranged by Phillip Keveren

Doxology:

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above the Heavenly Host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Anthem: Hear Me Singing, Lord

Sermon: "Relieve the Pressure" Luke 10:25-37

Response to the Word: The Apostles Creed

No. 881

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 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 sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and of life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn: I Am Thine, O Lord

No. 419

Benediction

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent
one from another. AMEN!**

Postlude: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, Folk Medley from India, adapted by Auila Read

Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles: At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's direction, carrying our the lighted candlelighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

Psalm 23: 1

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is on Sunday at 10 am.

Youth Gathering is canceled today.

Book Study and Discussion is canceled for Monday.

Apprentice Study is canceled for Tuesday.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

Meet and Greet—There are two opportunities for you to meet our new District Superintendent Rev. Jeff Lambert and his wife, Tammi. The first opportunity is this afternoon at 3 pm at the Appalachian District Office in Gate City, VA. The second opportunity is Sunday, July 31st, at 3 pm at Jonesville First UMC. Light refreshments will be available at both gatherings.

Little VBS —The three-day VBS is July 12th, 13th, and 14th 9 am to 12 noon daily. The day will end with a hot meal with the student and their guardians. This afternoon immediately following the worship service, we will have a short meeting to decide on a date to decorate and to make final preparations for VBS.

United Methodist Men—The next gathering is Tuesday, July 12th at 6 pm. During our time together, we will have a brief business meeting and a catered meal. We ask for all men to donate \$10 to help pay for the food. Also, Pastor Jim Mitchell will be our guest speaker. All men are welcome to attend and if you have any questions, please contact UMM President Don Shorter.

An evening of spiritual refreshing, communion, and healing—On Tuesday July 26th at 6 pm, we will have a special evening service that you will not want to miss. We will gather for communion, praise, and healing prayer. John Powers, music director at Kingsley United Methodist Church in Kingsport, TN, will be sharing devotions and will be leading us in worship and song. All are welcome to attend, so please invite your family and friends to worship with us.

Stewardship Sunday and Planned Giving Seminar—On Sunday, July 31st, Paul Bowman who is the president of the Holston Foundation will be visiting our church. During his visit, he will be preaching, presenting an oversized check, and after the worship service lead a small group. During the small group time, those who attend will learn more impactful ways that they can be a financial blessing to our church. If you are interested in learning more and plan to attend this seminar, please let the office staff know so that we can plan for lunch.

Blessing Box—We are grateful that Daniel Goodman installed a blessing food box on our church property. We pray that he will achieve his goal of becoming an eagle scout. If you want to leave any items in the blessing box, you can fill the box with the suggested items: Canned food with ring-pulls,

socks, mittens, hand warmers, crackers, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, bottled water, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes, and hand soap.

Highlights from our last Administrative Board Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 7th. A July financial report will be made available for those who are interested.
- Minor repairs are in the process of being done mostly on the second level of the church. These repairs include repairing the light fixtures and the replacing of doorknobs. Also, there are plans for the kitchen exhaust fan to be serviced and for the pesky leaking kitchen faucet to be repaired.
- Due to the rise of interruptions during church services and activities, the need to make our time together safer can no longer be ignored by us. With the approval of The Board, Pastor Tim will be recruiting people to create a church security team. If you are interested, please contact Tim.

Mailing Addresses of our long distant friends and members:

- Bill and Judy Cole
100A Varne Circle
Farmville, VA 23901
- Sandra Marshall
547 Callaway Court
Chattanooga, TN 37421

*Offering Stewards for July 2022

July 17th— Rob Moore, Gary H., Dennis A., and Spencer Q.
July 24th— Pat B., Sandra R., Lana P., and Erin H.
July 31st— Daniel W., John H., Ruben A., and Fred H.

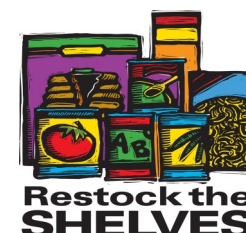
*Children's Moment for July 2022

July 17th— Beth Hagan
July 24th— Kim Parsons
July 31st— Diane Botts

UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School During the months of June and July, cash donations will be taken to stock the pantry for the start of school.

Cash donations are worth \$.12 more on the dollar due to tax exemption plus ability to buy in bulk.



The Trinity Companion July 10, 2022



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