

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: He Has Made Me Glad with This is the Day by Leona Von Brethorst/Les Garrett, arranged by Mark Hayes

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.

Call to Worship

Children of God: Welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,
welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,
God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.
In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Announcements and Highlights from our 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

Pastoral Prayer

Opening Hymn: This Is My Father's World

No. 378

Scripture Reading: Psalm 85 (CEB)

¹ LORD, you've been kind to your land;
you've changed Jacob's circumstances for the better.

² You've forgiven your people's wrongdoing;
you've covered all their sins. Selah

³ You've stopped being furious;
you've turned away from your burning anger.

⁴ You, the God who can save us, restore us!
Stop being angry with us!

⁵ Will you be mad at us forever?

Will you prolong your anger from one generation to the next?

⁶ Won't you bring us back to life again
so that your people can rejoice in you?

⁷ Show us your faithful love, LORD!
Give us your salvation!

⁸ Let me hear what the LORD God says,
because he speaks peace to his people and to his faithful ones.
Don't let them return to foolish ways.

⁹ God's salvation is very close to those who honor him
so that his glory can live in our land.

¹⁰ Faithful love and truth have met;
righteousness and peace have kissed.

¹¹ Truth springs up from the ground;
righteousness gazes down from heaven.

¹² Yes, the LORD gives what is good,
and our land yields its produce.

¹³ Righteousness walks before God,
making a road for his steps.

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 Kim Parsons

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 (Pat B., Sandra R., Lana P., and Erin H.)

Offertory Prayer:

Almighty God, we come to you today in confidence, for this world in which we live is your world, brought into being through your love for all your people. And as we bring all our concerns before you, we know that you are waiting to hear us and to respond to us.

Lord, we pray that you will teach us all how to provide for our own lives, mindful of our own needs, yet also of the call of Christ to put our trust in him. Help us to spend out time and our money in a manner worthy of your kingdom of love. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Offertory Music: Children's Medley arranged by Mark Hayes

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.

Special Music: Jesus Loves Me by Hillsong Young and Free (Calli)

Sermon: "God is Great, Gracious, and Generous" Luke 11: 1-13

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: On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

No. 724

Benediction

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

Postlude: This Little Light of Mine, Traditional African-American Spiritual

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.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is on Sunday at 10 am.

No Youth Gathering today.

Book Study and Discussion is canceled for Monday.

No Apprentice Study.

Choir Practice is canceled for Wednesday.

Little VBS —Thank you all for participating in this event. Everyone did a wonderful job and the students had a great time learning about the love of God. The creativity and talent that I saw from our volunteers was amazing. During our three day school, we had nine to thirteen kids each day. Also, we had twenty-five volunteers which made this event special. Please help me thank all and we thank you for your prayers and monetary support of our church!

United Methodist Men—We had a great gathering with 16 men in attendance. Pastor Jim Mitchell shared from Jeremiah 29:11 to encourage us to always trust that God has a plan for our lives. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8th at 6 pm. All men are welcome to attend!

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 will be sharing devotions and will be leading us in worship and song. All are welcome to attend!

John Powers has served as Music Director for Kingsley United Methodist Church in the Bloomingdale section of Kingsport for the past 27 years. His home is in Mount Carmel, TN, and he is a retired English teacher. Born in Greensville, TN, John and his family moved with his father, a United Methodist minister, to many different churches and parsonages. John has been a member of ten different UM Churches, but none longer than six years except for Kingsley. He has served as Music Director for four UM Churches, including Coeburn UMC. He lived in Wise County from 1967-72 as a youth, and after graduating Emory & Henry College in 1980, returned to Wise County for six years before moving to Tennessee. He has taught in all three public schools in Coeburn, Powell Valley High School, and both schools in Norton, serving as band director and music teacher one semester. Between high school jobs, John taught one semester each at Mountain Empire Community College (writing) and Clinch Valley College (music), and served one year as assistant librarian for Clinch Valley College. He holds a Masters Degree in Education and English from Virginia Tech. John loves the outdoors and has been a volunteer leader with the Boy Scouts of America for the past 41 years. He has two sisters and all three siblings are very active in their churches, including worship and speaking. John has been at our church many times, usually for district functions, and most recently for an Eagle Scout board review in March 2020.

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. Also, lunch will be provided for all those who attend.

Blessing Box—We are grateful that Daniel Goodman installed a blessing food box on our church property. We pray that he will achieve his going in 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
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*Offering Stewards for July 2022

July 31st— Daniel W., John H., Ruben A., and Fred H.

*Children's Moment for July 2022

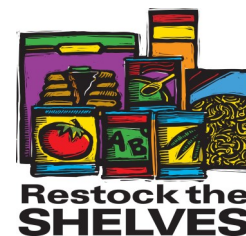
July 31st—Diane Botts

*Communion Stewards for Sunday, August 7, 2022

Cindy Ashley, Dennis Ashley, Paul Clark and Kim Parsons

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 24, 2022



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