

Service for the Lord's Day

July 27, 2025: 10:20 am Live Streaming & Gathering Music begin
10:30 am. Chiming of the Hour for Worship

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"Come We That Love the Lord/Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*
Williams/Messier

Welcome and Announcements



Call to Worship: (Responsive) (based on Proverbs 3:5-6)

One: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

Many: In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #21 *"How Great Thou Art"*



Call to Confession: (responsive)

One: Christ enters our locked spaces and closed hearts.

Many: And calls us to forgiveness.

All: Let us confess our sins before God and one another

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Eternal God, have mercy on us.

We humbly confess we have sinned against you. Rather than placing our trust in you, we have lived for ourselves, apart from you. Rather than turning to you, we trap ourselves in needless worry, consumed by our insecurities, anxieties and fears. Rather than seeking your kingdom on earth, we have turned away from our neighbors and ignored the pain of the world. Forgive us for those times we have been selfish, for the sharp words spoken, and for what we have left undone. Grant us the humility to admin our

weaknesses and trust in your unfailing love. Forgive our sins, renew your Holy Spirit in us and return us to right relationship with you, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie: **Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.** #823

Assurance of Pardon: (responsive)

One: Friends, believe the good news.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Amen

*Gloria Patri: **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. Amen. Amen.** #805

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Offering:

Regular Offering
Offertory

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"
Gabriel/arr. Schaum

*Doxology:

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. #808

*Prayer of Dedication



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (pew bible page 630) Isaiah 49:8-16

Hymn #290 *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

New Testament Readings: (pew bible page 840) Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon: *"Let Go, Let God"*
Nancy O. Gray

Meditation *"Be Thou My Vision"*
Trad. Irish Melody

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Let us continue to celebrate our birthdays:** July 28— Vickie Littleton. August 6—Patsy Dickerson, August 12—Leigh Anne Martin, August 17— Dot Langford, August 19—Fred Coots, August 23—Gardner Branscom, August 31—Jane Jones.
- ◆ **Back Street Ringers Practice**— 12:00 to 1:00 today! **Joyful Singers** — Practice on Wednesday Aug. 6 All are welcome! If interested, see Lori.
- ◆ Texas Flooding Assistance—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Disaster Network assisting with the needs in the local area. If you wish to support these Disaster efforts, **please make checks payable to Fincastle Presbyterian Church, with the designation number DR000191 (U.S. Flooding) in the memo line or choose the E-giving option through our Q.R. Code**
- ◆ **Botetourt Food Pantry** volunteer opportunities are available. Check the sign-up sheet by the side entrance. Ask Teri Walker if you have any questions.
- ◆ **Fellowship**—Please check the calendar downstairs for Sunday after worship Fellowship through the end of the Summer.
- ◆ **Welcome back Ms. Nancy Gray**, our Guest Minister today. Nancy retired in 2019 as President Emerita of Hollins University. Her prior positions included service as President of Converse College and Vice President of Seminary Relations at Princeton Theological Seminary. Nancy is currently a commissioned lay pastor and Parish Associate for Visitation at Second Presbyterian.
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

Class of 2025: Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter

Class of 2026: Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey, Patsy Dickerson

Class of 2027: Cathy Goad, Patty Vari, Teri Walker

The Trustees

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Treasurer: Hal Bailey

Music Director: Lori Turner

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein



**Planned office hours for week of July 27
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday —10:00—4:00**

- Sunday, July 27** **7th Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Duty Elders: Terri W. & Cathy Goad
Fellowship: Terri W.
Back Street Ringers practice 12-1:00
Guest Speaker: Nancy Gray
Joyful Singers Practice, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary
- Wed., July 30**
- Sunday, Aug. 3** **8th Sunday after Pentecost**
Communion Sunday
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Duty Elders: Terri W. & Kathy Goad
Fellowship: Julia
Back Street Ringers practice 12-1:00
Joyful Singers Practice, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary
- Wed., Aug. 6**
- Sunday, Aug. 10** **9th Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Duty Elders: Terri W. & Kathy Goad
Fellowship: Verna & Ed
Guest Musician: Hilah Divers, pianist



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:8-16

⁸ Thus says the Lord:

“In a time of favor I have answered you,
in a day of salvation I have helped you;

I have kept you and given you
as a covenant to the people,

to establish the land,

to apportion the desolate heritages;

⁹ saying to the prisoners, ‘Come forth,’
to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’

They shall feed along the ways,

on all bare heights shall be their pasture;

¹⁰ they shall not hunger or thirst,
neither scorching wind nor sun shall smite them,

for he who has pity on them will lead them,
and by springs of water will guide them.

¹¹ And I will make all my mountains a way,
and my highways shall be raised up.

¹² Lo, these shall come from afar,
and lo, these from the north and from the west,
and these from the land of Syene.”

¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!

For the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

¹⁴ But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me,
my Lord has forgotten me.”

¹⁵ “Can a woman forget her sucking child,
that she should have no compassion on the son of her
womb?

Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.

¹⁶ Behold, I have graven you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day.

#365 How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:.

[Refrain:]

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble admiration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art." (Refrain)

#290 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King,
all, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind?
I see thy cross— there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

4 Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5 Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.
he it is to whom I fall, Jesus Christ, my All in all.

#384 This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is our Father's world:
O let us not forget
that though the wrong is great and strong,
God is the ruler yet.
He trusts us with his world,
to keep it clean and fair--
all earth and trees, all skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.

3 This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass,
he speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!