

*Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

*Hymn # 739

"Pass It On"

*Charge

*Sung Response #739 (refrain)

"Pass It On"

I'll shout it from the mountaintop. I want my world to know; the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

*Benediction

Postlude

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

A. Showalter

Prayer Concerns

Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps, Nathalie Givens, Hi Nicely, Meg and Bob Omer



Friends and family of FPC: Charlotte & Kathy Adkins (Danette's neighbors), Chris Carr (friend of Sandy Gates), Bill Ferrell (friend of Kip & Lyn Burton), Lori Katz (friend of Sandy Gates), Laura Holt McCann, Joy Mc Nab (friend of our Glebe members), Suzy Qawiyy (friend of Danette), Mary Rae (organist at FUMC), Shirley Rambo and family, (Tim Heinlein's Aunt and cousins), Loretta Youngman (Kip Burton's cousin).

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Mission Statement:

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in God through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences, and serving the community in love.

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Hymns: #540— "Take Time to Be Holy"; #538 — "I Need Thee Every Hour", #739 — "Pass It On"

Service Music: "Standing in the Need of Prayer" — Spiritual/ arr. By W. F. Smith, 1986, "The United Methodist Hymnal" © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House; "There Is a Balm in Gilead"— Spiritual, "The Worshiping Church Hymnal" [Ibid.(611)]; "Grace Alone" — S. W. Brown & J. Nelson, © 1998 Maranatha! Music (admin. By The Copyright co., Nashville, TN), "Sing The Faith", © 2003 by Geneva Press, Adapted and Compiled by Permission from "The Faith We Sing" © 2000 Abingdon Press, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" - Showalter, "The Worshiping Church Hymnal" [Ibid.(609)].

Service for the Lord's Day

September 21, 2025: 10:20 am Live Streaming & Gathering Music begin
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

15th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: *"Standing in the Need of Prayer"*
Joyful Singers Spiritual/W.F. Smith

Welcome and Announcements
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Call to Worship: (Responsive)
One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Many: And also with you.
One: Let us worship God.
O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.
Many: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.
One: Praise the Lord!
Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation
*Hymn #540 *"Take Time to Be Holy"*
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Call to Confession: (responsive)
One: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our own weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Many: Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
All: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Prayer of Confession: (Unison)
Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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

Assurance of Pardon: (unison)
All: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. 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
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Offering:
Regular Offering
Offertory *"There is a Balm in Gilead"*
Spiritual

*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
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Prayer of Illumination
Old Testament Reading: (pew bible pg. 657) Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Hymn #538 (vs 1-3) *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

New Testament Readings: (pew bible pgs. 909-910) Luke 16:1-13

Sermon: *"Preparing Now For God's Coming Kingdom!"*
Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Meditation: *"Grace Alone"*
S.W. Brown & J Nelson

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Thank you to our Joyful Singers for helping to lead worship today.
- ◆ Thank you for remembering the 2 Cents a Meal offering last week. **We collected \$141.87** to send in for this special mission offering. Also thank you for the many bags of shelf staple items which were delivered to the Botetourt Food Panty on 9/19.
- ◆ **Let us continue to celebrate our birthdays:** October 3 —Sandy Gates, October 6 — Lori Turner, October 15 — Alan Lowe, October 16—Kaycee Weidman.
- ◆ **Botetourt Food Pantry** volunteer opportunities are available. Check the sign-up sheet by the side entrance. FPC is committed to help sort food and fill boxes on the 3rd and 4th Friday mornings of each month. Ask Teri Walker if you have any questions. Teri has added sign-ups for each day through the end of the year!
- ◆ **Please remember to bring in your aluminum cans and put them in the container in the Fellowship Hall.** We are helping support the **Teen Challenge Program in Fincastle** in their effort to raise money to buy a van by collecting aluminum cans.
- ◆ Note that Danette will be out of the office the week of October 5, participating in a Mission Trip in NC, rebuilding from Hurricane Helene.
- ◆ Check the calendar downstairs for Fellowship Opportunities. We have open Sunday's through the rest of the year.
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

Class of 2025: Fred Coats, 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 September 21
Monday 10:00—3:30, Wednesday 9:30—3:30, Thursday 5:00 pm—8:00pm, Friday 9:30—3:30

- Sunday, Sept. 21 15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & Patty V.
 Fellowship: Porter, Vari, Turner
- Mon., Sept 22 First Day of Autumn
- Wed., Sept. 24 Joyful Singers practice, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary
 Wholeness & Healing Prayer Service, 5:00 pm, Dinner immediately following in Fellowship Hall
- Thurs., Sept 25 Forward in Faith, 2:00 pm, Logan Room
 Session, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Sat., Sept 27 Historic Fincastle Day
- Sunday, Sept. 28 16th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Duty Elders: Terri Walker & Patty V.
 Fellowship: _____
- Sunday, Oct. 5 17th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Communion Sunday
 Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & Patty V.
 Fellowship: _____
Danette out of the office all week.

YTD Income as of July 31, 2025

Total Income:	\$63,772.24
Total Expense:	\$59,982.95
Net Income:	<u>\$3,789.29</u>

The story behind, “Standing in the Need of Prayer”.....

Nothing is more personal than prayer. It is our line of communication to God. Emotions run deeply in this form of devotion. Whether our prayers express joy or sadness, praise or lament, reconciliation or contrition, prayer touches the most inner depths of our being. Enslaved Africans created a genre of song born out of a harrowing experience of daily struggle yet filled with the hope that God was in control and would deliver them out of their bondage.

“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord” reveals the intimate nature of prayer. It’s not my mother or father, sister or brother, or the preacher or deacon that needs prayer: it’s me. After praying for everyone else, it’s my time to make my petition. I need God to do what I know God can do.

When African Americans met or congregated, they consoled and strengthened themselves and one another in sacred song—moans, chants, shouts, psalms, hymns, and jubilees, first African songs, then African American songs. In the crucible of

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separation and suffering, African American sacred song was formed.

Eileen Guenther states, “in Spirituals, ‘I’ equals ‘we’ in the African sensibility, where individuals are responsible for the whole community, not only for themselves”

This widely known Negro spiritual comes from the perspective of the first person singular. William B. McClain notes, “The slaves saw the assurance of salvation as largely a personal responsibility. Realizing imperfection, the people affirmed in this song a total and complete reliance upon the grace of God.” Liberation theologian James Cone reveals, “If God is known as the liberator of the oppressed from bondage, and Jesus is his Son who is still present today, then the ‘Sinner Man’ is everyman, who is in need of divine liberation. He is the person who needs ‘dat ol’ time religion’ or the one ‘standin’ in the need of prayer”

We all need prayer. This spiritual acknowledges this need. When singing this text, let us remember that the use of “me” really means “we.”

Excerpts taken from *History of Hymns: 'It's Me, It's Me, O Lord' ('Standing in the Need of Prayer')*, by Darrell St. Romain. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/history-of-hymns-its-me-its-me-o-lord-standing-in-the-need-of-prayer>

#540 *Take Time to Be Holy*

1 Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his Word.
Make friends of God's children;
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.

2 Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret
with Jesus alone;
by looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.

3 Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide;
in joy or in sorrow
still follow thy Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his Word.

4 Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive
beneath his control;
thus led by his Spirit
to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted
for service above.

#538 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

1 I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

[Refrain:]
I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!

2 I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
(Refrain)

3 I need thee every hour in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide or life is vain.
(Refrain)

#739 *Pass It On*

1 It only takes a spark
to get a fire going,
and soon all those around
can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone;
you want to pass it on.

2 What a wondrous time is spring
when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;}
you want to sing,
It's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

3 I wish for you, my friend,
this happiness that I've found,
you can depend on him
It matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountain top—
I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.



Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem, "A hot wind from the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, ¹² a wind too full for this comes for me. Now it is I who speak in judgment upon them."

Jeremiah 4:22-28

²² "For my people are foolish,
they know me not;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but how to do good they know not."

²³ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵ I looked, and lo, there was no man,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶ I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

²⁷ For thus says the Lord, "The whole land shall be a desolation;
yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸ For this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above be black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back."

New Testament Reading

Luke 16:1-13

16 He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. ² And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' ³ And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷ Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸ The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations.

¹⁰ "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."