



"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 12, 2026 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"Dialogue"

Jean-Francois Dandrien

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE & RINGING THE TRINITY

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER *(Psalm 119:105-112)*

All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

God's Word lights the way for us.

God has promised to abide with us.

So let us commit to walk in God's ways.

All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come, give praise to God.

God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

*HYMN #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to you. Yet we, who have been called "Beloved" by you, often find ourselves making peace with what

does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #581 “Glory Be to the Father”

*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.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 119:105-112

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

SOLO

“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”

Geoffrey O’Hara

Alberta Gisel – Alto

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Listen for the Word of God”

Rev. Dr. Phil Gladden

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed*

What do we believe?

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*Response: Hymn #606 "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow"

*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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #688 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Eric Lehmann & Joanne Prettyman
Welcome Greeter: Jeanne McLeod
Liturgist: Susan Lehmann
Acolyte: Charlotte Stewart

*The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Erskine Blount in loving
memory of Vicki Ann Blount.*

July 12th Welcome Rev. Phil Gladden

Phil Gladden is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Presbyterian Seminary. He retired June 1, 2023 after forty years of active ministry in churches in Eastern North Carolina, the last twenty-five as pastor of the Wallace Presbyterian Church.

He and Nancy, who retired March 1, 2024 from her position as the East Community Mission Coordinator in our presbytery, still live in Wallace.

They have two children: a son, Jackson, who is a furniture designer and lives and works in New York City and a daughter, Natalie, who lives and teaches in Seoul, South Korea. We welcome Rev. Gladden to SPC on Sunday July 12th.



As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone before our worship service begins.

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