



July 18, 2021



Daybreak and Illuminate

On Wednesday of this week, I got this text message from Rev. Tommy Perkins, which he sent to the leaders of our children's camp in Kulaqua, Florida and youth camp at Dooly Campground, which took place this week:

God's at work. The bells of the mid-day, mid-week carillon have finished today from our steeple with "Great is Thy Faithfulness" marking the center of the week as we know our church continues in the centering of God from Dooly to Kulaqua. May God continue to show off and out in y'all's ministries. Continued prayers and strength in Christ.

Little did Tommy know that the children had been exploring Lamentations 3, the very text upon which Great is Thy Faithfulness is based, and they had even listened to that song as part of their worship!

Later that day I got a text message from our Church Administrator, Emilee Sheffield, who had driven down to Dooly to take care of some administrative needs. She said, "The Lord is moving so big up here. It makes me tear up just to see it!"

Friends, God is indeed at work. God is faithful. The theme of the children's camp this year was **Daybreak**, and the theme of the youth camp was **Illuminate**. In preparing for camp, God simultaneously put on the hearts of both Krissy and Nichole to explore what it means for light to shine in the midst of our darkness. So 46 rising 4th thru 6th graders and 62 youth are basking in the light of Christ this week, and as I write this article on Thursday morning, we are already hearing AMAZING stories of what God is doing in these hearts!

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). Let's pray that the Light of Christ will shine even brighter in all of our lives as we join God in the work of defeating the darkness!

Grace and Peace,
Tom

Service of Worship and Praise to God

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021

Liturgical Color: White
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Gathering and Announcements Rev. Tom Carruth
Please register your attendance on the pads found in each pew.

The Prelude *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* arr. John A. Behnke
Dr. Jane Kimbrel, organ
Emma O'Neill and Samuel Mullinax, percussion

The Invocation Rev. Tommy Perkins

*The Hymn of Praise 547 *O Church of God United*

The Sacrament of Baptism (11 a.m.) 40-43
Isaac Thatcher Alston and Eliza Finley Alston
son and daughter of
Ron and Amber Alston

Congregational Response *God Claims You* Stanley Farr

Thatcher, Thatcher, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Thatcher, Thatcher, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

Eliza, Eliza, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Eliza, Eliza, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

The Reception of New Member Amber Alston 38

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Perkins

*The Hymn of Preparation *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
See Screen for Lyrics

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light*
 Traditional Zulu Song arr. Hal H. Hopson
 The Sanctuary Choir
 Nanette O'Neill, soprano and Emma O'Neill, percussion

*The Doxology 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

The Scripture Lesson Ephesians 2:11-22

The Sermon *A New Humanity* Rev. Carruth

*The Hymn of Commitment 540 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

*Sending Forth with Blessing Rev. Carruth

*The Postlude *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*
 organ arr. Charles Callahan

*Stand as able

Acolyte — Emma Jane Lumsden

Crucifer — Charlotte Noble

*A pre-school nursery is provided for children 6 weeks to 4 years old.
 Children's Church is provided at 11 a.m. for children 4 years of age through
 their completing first grade. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding
 these locations in the Education building.*

Rev. Tom Carruth, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
 Krissy Walker, Children's Pastor Nichole Lawson, Youth Pastor
 Christie Rooks, Christian Education Assistant
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Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, July 20

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:30 p.m. - Registration for the Prime Time Macon Bacon Trip closes

6 p.m. - Mandatory Meeting for the Denver Mission Trip team

Wednesday, July 21

6 p.m. - Basketball Free Play for College and Youth

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 22

8 p.m. - 5th Grade Lock-In in the Family Life Center

Friday, July, 23

8 a.m. - Parent pickup for 5th grade Lock-In in the FLC



**Prime Time
Macon
Bacon Ball
Game**

Thursday, July 29

Our Prime Timer's are heading to watch the Macon Bacon play the Savannah Bananas on July 29.

We will depart from the church at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person and must be paid in advance. Bus space is limited so register today!

Registration closes on Tuesday, July 20!

Register online at perryumc.org/ministries/olderadults or by calling the church office at 987-1852.

Mandatory Parent and Student Denver Mission Meeting Tuesday, July 20 at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center

The Mission Trip to Denver, Colorado is NEXT WEEK! We will have a MANDATORY meeting for everyone who is attending the trip and a parent. We will discuss departure times, flight times, packing info and more. If you have any questions, please email Nichole at nhslawson@gmail.com.

5th Grade Lock-In

July 22nd-23rd

8pm-8am in the Family Life Center

Our 5th grade Lock - In is coming up! We have a fun evening planned! We want for you to have a night of adventure before you graduate to Youth in August! Bring a tent!

Sign up to attend on perryumc.org/ministries/children

Honduran Coffee Fundraiser

We still have plenty of Honduran coffee left! For a \$10 donation towards our next Honduras trip, you can try this coffee for yourself! .



Come by the church office (Monday-Friday, 8:30-12:30 and 1:30 - 4:30) to pick yours up!