

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!”

Arr.: Lani Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leila Hall, Liturgist

Leader: Who may abide in the presence of God?

People: Who may live on God’s holy mountain?

Leader: All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

People: All those who speak truth from their heart.

*HYMN #53 *(see bulletin)*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Henry Van Dyke/Beethoven

*CALL TO CONFESSION

With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins before God and the world, trusting in God’s mercy to forgive.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

According to the riches of his grace, hear this good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #725 *(see bulletin)*

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Bode/Evans

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Adagio”

Felix Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S CHURCH *(5th grade or younger)*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

I Peter 1:13-16

ANTHEM

“And Then Forever Praise Him”

Crosby/Harlan

SECOND READING:

Romans 12:9-12

SERMON

“Feeding Your Soul”

Chuck Bannister

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed

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; 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.

*HYMN #338 *(see bulletin)*

“How Firm a Foundation”

AMERICAN MELODY

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Arr.: Don Hustad

(*) *We stand as we are able*

The flowers placed in sanctuary today are to the Glory of God

and in loving memory of Doug Hall

by Laura, Carl, and Leila.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Marshall McCranie and Laura Hall

(Next Month: Laura Hall and Dan Jeter)

Monday, September 1—OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

Wednesday, September 3 at 4 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL (*Vereen Parlor*)

Wednesday, September 3 at 4 p.m. SPIRITUAL GROWTH (*Vereen upstairs*)

Wednesday, September 3 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, September 4 at 1 p.m. Card Playing

Sunday, September 7 at 8:30 a.m. MEN'S BREAKFAST at FPC

Monday, September 8 at 10 a.m. PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BOARD MEETING (*Vereen Parlor*)

Monday, September 8 at 10 a.m. CHRISTIAN SERVICE (*fellowship hall*)

Monday, September 8 at 7 p.m. PW EVENING CIRCLE

Tuesday, September 9 at 10 a.m. PW MORNING CIRCLE

Tuesday, September 9 at 1 p.m. CORNERSTONES WREATH WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, September 10 at 10 a.m. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

MEN'S BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Speaker: Pat Garlick of Pride Packages for soldiers

Come join us for Food & Fellowship. All men, all ages welcome. Call Jim Soos 229-891-0612 to RSVP

BUY YOUR MISSION DINNER TICKETS

The FDP Bangladesh benefit dinner will be Sunday, September 14 from 12 noon to 1:00 pm.

Fried Chicken, Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Roll, and Peach Cobbler (& Ice Cream & Iced Tea for EAT IN)

Donation: \$10.00 per plate SEE PATTY JUNE FOR TICKETS

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS: REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

The Reformation Sunday service is held in recognition of our connection to the Protestant Reformation, especially the Presbyterian Church in Scotland. If you would like to participate in the Kirkin' and don't have a Scottish clan flag, tie or shawl, now is the time to order one. Contact Nancy Coleman at 229-891-1525 or rosehillfarms@windstream.net. **Allowing for delivery, items should be ordered by Sept. 10.** *Don't forget to suggest a name for the Scots. Winning names to be announced at WATCH on Sept. 3.*

WATCH RESERVATIONS

MENU: Wednesday, September 3

Everyone: Baked Potato or Sweet Potato Bar, Grape Salad, Salad Bar

Dessert: Jello with fruit, Cookies, Ice Cream

Contact Penny to make your reservation: 229-985-3158 or firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com