

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Variations on ‘Duke Street’”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elaine Barber, Liturgist

Leader: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

People: And we, your faithful, bless you.

Leader: We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

*HYMN #35 *(see bulletin)*

“Come, Thou Fount”

Robinson/Wyeth

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess to our God, for the Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins—both things we have done and things we have left undone—in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. 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 #293 *(see bulletin)*

“Amazing Grace”

John Newton

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

“Andante Religioso”

Johann C.H. Rinck

***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:

Ezekiel 36:24-29

ANTHEM

“Know My Heart”

Harlan

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 2:1-10

SERMON

“Real Grace vs. Cheap Grace”

Austin Pounds

***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 #363** *(see bulletin)*

“Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”

Hoffman/Showalter

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Introduction: Suite Gothique”

Léon Boëllmann

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Bobby L. Harnage,
from his family.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Brooks Sheldon and Joan White

(Next month: Marshall McCranie and Laura Hall)

PLEASE FILL OUT THE WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS SURVEY ON THE BACK OF THIS BULLETIN!!

Tuesday, July 29 at 5:15 p.m. CALLED SESSION MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 AT 5:30 P.M. END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY

Sunday, August 3 at 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. OUR TIME for kids/youth (pizza and ice cream sundaes)

Thursday, August 7 at 1 p.m. Card Playing

Thursday, August 7 at 4:30 p.m. Cornerstones theatre trip – *Arsenic & Old Lace*

Sunday, August 10 RALLY DAY

Monday, August 11 at 10 a.m. CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Monday, August 11 at 5 p.m. PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. SCOUTS RECRUITMENT NIGHT

Wednesday, August 13 FPC PRESCHOOL FIRST DAY

Wednesday, August 13 at 1 p.m. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 13 at 4 p.m. SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Wednesday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m. FIRST WATCH SUPPER

END OF SUMMER PARTY THIS FRIDAY!!!

Join us Friday, August 1 at 5:30 p.m. at 4th St. SW Pool 1020 for a party to celebrate the end of summer.

There will be swimming, WIBIT, an obstacle course and refreshments.

Please contact our DCE Austin Pounds for details at dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com.

RALLY DAY: SUNDAY, AUG. 10

8:30-9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST in the fellowship hall

9:45 a.m. BLESSING of the BACKPACKS in the sanctuary

10 a.m. RALLY DAY PROGRAM: Learn about the classes.

11 a.m. RALLY DAY WORSHIP:

Presentation of Bibles to 2nd graders, Introduction of Confirmation Class and Recognition of Church Members

KONA ICE TREATS as you leave worship!

MISSIONS DINNER

to benefit the Fellowship for Disadvantaged People in Bangladesh

Sunday, September 14

12 noon to 1:00 pm

Fried Chicken, Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Roll, and Peach Cobbler

(and Ice Cream and Iced Tea for those who eat in)

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW

Donation: \$10.00 per plate

SEE PATTY JUNE FOR TICKETS

Potential WATCH Program for Adults:

*Please check off which program you would like to do for WATCH
and put this survey in the box by the sanctuary door as you exit.*

☐ Old Testament Survey

Authors: John H. Walton and Andrew E Hill

Purpose: A survey takes you through each book of the Old Testament, exploring its history, content, theology, and application.

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☐ Grasping God's Word

Authors: J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays

Purpose: This book explores the question of how we should study and apply the Bible beyond a surface-level reading.

☐ Interpretation Bible Study

Authors: Varies depending on which book of the Bible we choose

Purpose: This study offers an in-depth but accessible study on a particular book of the Bible.

Which book of the Bible do you want to study? _____

☐ Reflection on the Psalms

Authors: C.S. Lewis

Purpose: This book explores some of the more popular Psalms with commentary from C.S. Lewis.

☐ Revelation for the Rest of US

Authors: Scot McKnight

Purpose: McKnight is a brilliant Bible scholar who shows that the book of Revelation is not a roadmap to Armageddon, nor is it a book about Christians being raptured, but instead is a book about faith in times of oppression and great injustice.

☐ The Moral Teachings of Jesus

Authors: David P. Guschee

Purpose: In this book, Ethicist David Guschee analyzes and expounds the moral teachings of Jesus, how they would've been understood in Jesus's day, and how they are still relevant for faithful Christ Seekers now.