

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fantasia on “America”

Arr. Edward Broughton

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Austin Pounds, Liturgist

Leader: People of God, lift up your eyes and remember the generations that have gone before us.

People: We give thanks to the Lord, for God has been our refuge and our strength.

Leader: Let us now lift our voices to rededicate ourselves as a country continually seeking wisdom and grace for the communities in which we live.

People: As we celebrate the historic milestone of 250 years as a nation, let us worship God with grateful hearts, praying for peace, unity, and the healing of our world. Let us worship God!

*HYMN #486 (see bulletin)

“My Country, ’Tis of Thee”

Samuel F. Smith

*CALL TO CONFESSION

With full assurance of God’s grace and mercy in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor.

Let us pray together...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious and Eternal God, as we mark this significant anniversary, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude yet bowed by the weight of our shared shortcomings. We celebrate the blessings of liberty, opportunity, and community, but we also confess our failures to fully live up to the ideals we profess. Please forgive us for the times we have allowed division to fracture our society, favoring self-interest over the common good. Forgive our complacency in the face of poverty, inequality, and the indignity suffered by our neighbors. Lord, in our pursuit of progress, we acknowledge where we have wandered from the paths of righteousness, justice, and truth. We have too often trusted in our own strength rather than seeking Your wisdom. Have mercy upon us, O God. Speak to us now in these moments of silence as we pray for healing the deep wounds in our land a renewed and steadfast dedication to serving You and our neighbors... Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia, “For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; and the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

*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 #418 (see bulletin)

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Will L. Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Diapason Movement”

John Stanley

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Psalm 33

ANTHEM

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Harlan

SECOND READING:

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

“A Different Kind of Freedom”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

***HYMN #507** (*see bulletin*)

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Barbara Hamm

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (A prayer written by President Woodrow Wilson)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Jubilate Deo”

Edward Wetherill

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers on the altar today are given by the session to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the blessings of liberty as our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary.
May God continue to guide and bless the United States of America and our church.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elders of the Month: Elaine Barber & Aileen McNair

Wednesday, July 8 at 5 p.m. DINNER at FIVE at BBQ Pit _____

Thursday, July 9 at NOON. Cornerstones Lunch on the Road

Monday, July 13 at 10 a.m. Christian Service

Wednesday, July 15 at 5 p.m. DINNER at FIVE at Dalton's

Monday, July 20 at 1 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting at Dairy Queen

NO SESSION IN JULY

Wednesday, July 22 at 5 p.m. DINNER at FIVE at Margarita's

Mark Your August Calendars:

Saturday, August 1 FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY MEETING at our church! .

Sunday, August 2 at Noon – THRIVE youth fun park trip

Tuesday, August 4 at 9 a.m. Shalom Bible Study

(5-week study begins, using *Second Thoughts About Hell* by Allen & Cornwall)

Saturday, August 8 at 3 p.m. OUR TIME – GAMES!

Sunday, August 9 at 3:30 p.m. RESONANCE – alternative worship, fellowship & discussion

Wednesday, August 12 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPERS RESUME!!

DINNER AT FIVE

This Wednesday, July 8, our Dinner at Five crew will meet up at the Barbecue Pit at 5 p.m.. Please let the office know by tomorrow (Monday) afternoon if you are interested: firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com.

Check the bulletin board & lobby tables for the full summer schedule.