

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 6, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

Fantasia on "America"

Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Connie Fritz, Liturgist

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who created us.

People: The Lord is the One who made the Earth by his power.

Leader: It is the Lord who stretched out the heavens above us.

People: When the Lord speaks, the heavens and the angels tremble and sing.

Leader: The Lord calls the mist up from the valleys and sprinkles the snow on the mountain top.

People: The Lord looks upon his Earth and calls his creation to remember Him.

Leader: We are the creation of the Lord.

People: We belong to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give God all that we have.

People: Let us trust ourselves to God.

*HYMN #485 (see bulletin)

"America the Beautiful"

Bates/Ward

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Word of the Lord comes to all of us, not just some of us. We are called, but not much is happening in us or through us. Let us confess to God we find ourselves at a standstill and find forgiveness.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

You, O Lord, called the world into being and you are now calling us. We confess that we go through much of our lives without hearing you call our names. We are deaf or distracted, but we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that you call all of us to ministry. We all too often go through the motions of service but we have not discovered the heart of Jesus. We are self-centered and not Christ-focused. Save us from ourselves that we may find the joys of repentance and forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All of us have a call from God and we miss out on the divine purpose of our lives if we do not journey with God to discover it. Let us come to God. Let him open our ears to hear the promise:

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.

THE MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Abide With Me”

Arr.: Emma Lou Diemer

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH TODAY

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

I Kings 18:36-40

ANTHEM

“On Christ I Stand”

Harlan

SECOND READING:

I Kings 19:1-21

SERMON

“The Wanted Man”

Hugh Ward

*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 #700 (see bulletin)

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Arr.: W.P. Whalum

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“America! America!”

Robert J. Hughes

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The beautiful Peace Lily placed in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God
and to celebrate America’s 249th birthday. Happy Birthday and God Bless America.*

Given by Susan and Larry Blanton and Rhonda and Kevin Blanton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Brooks Sheldon and Joan White

Sunday, July 6 at 1:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES theater trip – *Wizard of Oz*
Tuesday, July 8 at 5:15 p.m. *SESSION—1st important informational meeting*
Wednesday, July 9 at 1 p.m. FINANCE MEETING
Wednesday, July 9 at 4 p.m. SPIRITUAL GROWTH
Wednesday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m. SUMMER WATCH SUPPER & *STAY FOR TRIVIA NIGHT!*
REMINDER: Choir practice Wed., July 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 10 at Noon CORNERSTONES LUNCH ON THE ROAD
Friday, July 11 at 5:15 p.m. *SESSION—2nd important informational meeting*
Sunday, July 13 at 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. OUR TIME (*kids & youth activities*)
Monday, July 14 at 10 a.m. CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Monday, July 14 at 1 p.m. CORNERSTONES MEETING at DQ
Tuesday, July 15 at 5:15 p.m. SESSION
Wednesday, July 16 at 5 p.m. CORNERSTONES trip – *Little Shop of Horrors*

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST

Rally Day: Sunday, August 10

First WATCH of the new school year: Wednesday, August 13

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES: July 22 at 7 p.m.

Join us for dessert and coffee/tea with our missionary, Pam, and her co-worker, Emre, on Tuesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. in the Vereen Parlor.

Mark your calendars and sign up NOW for our Fall Retreat!

THRIVE RETREAT: OCTOBER 10-12

Please join us October 10-12 at Epworth by the Sea for our THRIVE RETREAT. This spiritual retreat is open to all who attend Moultrie First Presbyterian. The theme will be “Sacred Ordinary,” which is all about experiencing and living into God’s rhythms of grace, hope, rest, and joy in our daily life!

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

SUMMER WATCH SUPPER & TRIVIA NIGHT IS THIS WEDNESDAY!!

Menu for Wednesday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m. (6 p.m. TRIVIA!)

Everyone: Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Salad Bar Dessert: Cookies & Ice Cream