

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 21, 2025**

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**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“E minor Toccata”

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Terry Turner, Liturgist

Leader: Happy are the people

**People: who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow or sit in the seat of those who make fun of others.**

Leader: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

**People: and they meditate on God’s law day and night.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

**People: but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**\*HYMN #17** *(see bulletin)*

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Plumptre/Messiter

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Recognizing that we are easily swayed by the wrong advice and that we have strayed from the ways of the Lord, let us confess our sins to God, with hope of finding love and mercy.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (Unison)

*God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth,

**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 #340** *(see bulletin)*

“This Is My Song”

Stone/Harkness/Sibelius

## 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

“St. Margaret”

Arr.: Robert J. Hughes

### \*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 THANKSGIVING

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

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Numbers 6:24-26

### ANTHEM

“The Blessings of the Lord”

Odegard/Wilmington

### SECOND READING:

Matthew 3:16-17

### SERMON

“Walking with Nouwen: Beloved and Blessed”

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 #8 (see bulletin)

“To God Be the Glory”

Crosby/Doane

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

“Rentrée del la Procession”

Boëly

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(\*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Robert Duggan's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday  
by Gail, Jan, Kim and Holly.*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ELDERS OF THE MONTH:** Laura Hall and Dan Jeter

Wednesday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, September 25 at 11 a.m. CORNERSTONES LUNCH ON THE ROAD

**Saturday, September 27 from 12 p.m.- 3 p.m. MUSIC IN MOULTRIE GATHERING**

Sunday, September 28 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Wednesday, October 1 SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Wednesday, October 1 at 4 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL

Wednesday, October 1 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, October 2 at 1 p.m. Card Playing

**Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m. Jack Chastain Memorial**

Sunday, October 5 at 8:30 a.m. MEN'S BREAKFAST at FMC

**Sunday, October 5 at 2 p.m. RISE AGAINST HUNGER food-packing event in Valdosta (*see back cover*)**

## **DONATE TO HELP MISSIONARIES MOVE TO A NEW MINISTRY LOCATION**

The Christian Service/Missions Committee is asking you to consider donating to help Emre, missionary Pam's colleague who visited with us in July. Emre and his family have been dealing with government obstructions and targeted constraints in the country where they have been serving. However, God has opened up an avenue for them to continue their ministry in another country. If you can contribute to their resettlement expenses by next Sunday, September 21, **please make out a check to FPC** and put **"Emre"** in the memo line so it gets designated for this special purpose.

## **NEXT SATURDAY! MUSIC IN MOULTRIE GATHERING (*with ice cream social*)**

***Join us Saturday, September 27th from 12-3 p.m. for live music, a cookout & ice cream!***

Six churns of homemade ice cream are needed for the church social on Saturday, Sept. 27. If you are willing to make a churn, please sign up with Nancy Coleman (29-891-1525 or [rosehillfarms@windstream.net](mailto:rosehillfarms@windstream.net)) If you're willing to make some ice cream but don't have a churn, the church has three churns available for you to borrow.

## **HELPING HANDS DONATIONS: ALICE GRINER BACKPACKS FOR HOPE MINISTRY**

During the last school year, our backpacks ministry served 52 kids in 14 different families with bags of food to help them get through the weekend. **The BEST thing you can do to help is give money:** write a check to FPC and put "backpacks" in the memo line. If you prefer to donate food items, please **only bring select items from this list:** Peanut butter, Vienna sausages, Individual packaged fruit (raisins, fruit cups), breakfast bars, granola bars, spaghetti sauce (ONLY can or plastic containers - **no glass**) and Spaghetti noodles. ***Please bring donations by the end of September!***

## **WATCH RESERVATIONS**

**MENU: Wednesday, September 24**

**Regular/Children:** Smothered Pork Chops, Mustard Greens, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad Bar, Cornbread Muffins & Rolls

**Diet:** Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

**Dessert:** Carrot Cake, Cookies & Ice Cream

***Contact Penny to make your reservation: 229-985-3158 or [firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com)***

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2 PM

## AT TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN IN VALDOSTA



### *Who We Are*

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. We provide volunteer-packaged meals and other assistance, often through school feeding programs, to support nutrition, education and health for children and families facing hunger right now. We also partner with local leaders to implement sustainable agriculture and income-generating projects that support long-term solutions to food security and empower communities to become self-reliant and thrive.



### NOURISHING LIVES

While long-term food security takes root, our **Nourishing Lives** pathway provides nutrition and encourages education through school feeding, vocational training and health clinics.



### EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Our **Empowering Communities** pathway promotes improvements in agricultural production and rural livelihoods to help individuals increase their incomes and access to food.



### RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

From droughts to floods, in conflict zones and political crises, the **Responding to Emergencies** pathway deploys food and aid in communities when it is needed most.



### GROWING THE MOVEMENT

We recognize that hunger will not end without **Growing the Movement** and we engage hundreds of thousands of volunteers and advocates each year to build awareness and activation.

IT STARTS  
WITH A *meal*

[riseagainsthunger.org](http://riseagainsthunger.org)