

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 2025

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Arr.: Jessie Seymour Irvine

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Herndon, 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 #37 vss. 1,2,5 & 6 *(see bulletin)* “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Arr.: Norman Johnson

### \*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.

### \*HYMN #32 *(see bulletin)*

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Watts/Arr.: Croft

## 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.: Hal H. Hopson

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 18:1-11

ANTHEM

“Know My Heart”

Harlan

SECOND READING:

Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18

SERMON

“The Long Reach of the Lord”

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.*

### 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

**\*HYMN #366** *(see bulletin)*

“The Lord's My Shepherd”

PSALM 23/J.S. Irvine

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Arr.: J. Wayne Kerr

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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 memory of Evelyn Vereen and in honor of Jerry Vereen's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
from the family.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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** (Lesson 7, Ephesians study)

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

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

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

Thursday, September 11 at 2 p.m. Francis Gay Beard Funeral

**Sunday, September 14 at Noon MISSION DINNER**

## **THE MISSIONS DINNER IS *NEXT SUNDAY!***

**September 14 12 noon to 1:00 pm**

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

**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW**

**Donation: \$10.00 per plate**

***SEE PATTY JUNE FOR TICKETS***

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

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

## **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](mailto:rosehillfarms@windstream.net).

**Allowing for delivery, items should be ordered by Sept. 10.**

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

During the last school year, Alice Griner Backpacks for Hope Ministry served 52 kids in 14 different families with bags of food weekly to help them get through the weekend. The ladies who prepare the bags of food can stretch every dollar by purchasing items that are on sale each week. 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.

## **WATCH RESERVATIONS**

**MENU: Wednesday, September 10**

**Everyone:** Hot dog with chili or slaw, French Fries, Salad Bar

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

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

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