

ROCK PRAIRIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 13, 2026

10:30 a.m.

*****LARGE PRINT*****

Holy Communion



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Janesville, WI 53546

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Office hours Mon–Thu, 8:30am – 2:30pm

Rev. Dr Bruce A. Jones

** Please stand if you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Canto" / Davidson

"I Love to Tell the Story" / Fischer, Warriner

"Rejoicing" / Handel, Wolff

"God, the Almighty" / Davidson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Pisgah" / Lowry, Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 45, JOHN 1

One: Come, people of God—gather in God's grace and the Spirit.

All: We come as the body of Christ to worship the Lord.

One: The Spirit gives each one of us gifts and talents
for the common good.

All: Christ calls us together, to build the one body of Christ.

One: With many gifts we gather as individual members,
yet one purpose.

All: Let us worship God who equips us to serve.

One: Let us worship the God who unites us together as one.

All: We worship the Lord who gathers, equips, and sends us to serve.

***HYMN #677 + HFG "They'll Know We Are Christians"**

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

JOHN 1

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

1 CORINTHIANS 12

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us. We confess the ways we wander from your Truth, the ways we resist your Spirit, and the ways we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and make us one body in You, that we may walk in your peace and bear witness to your grace. Hear our personal prayers.

Time for Personal Prayer and Examination

Holy God, You call us to stand firm in your strength, yet we confess how often we trust our own. Forgive us Lord Jesus.

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

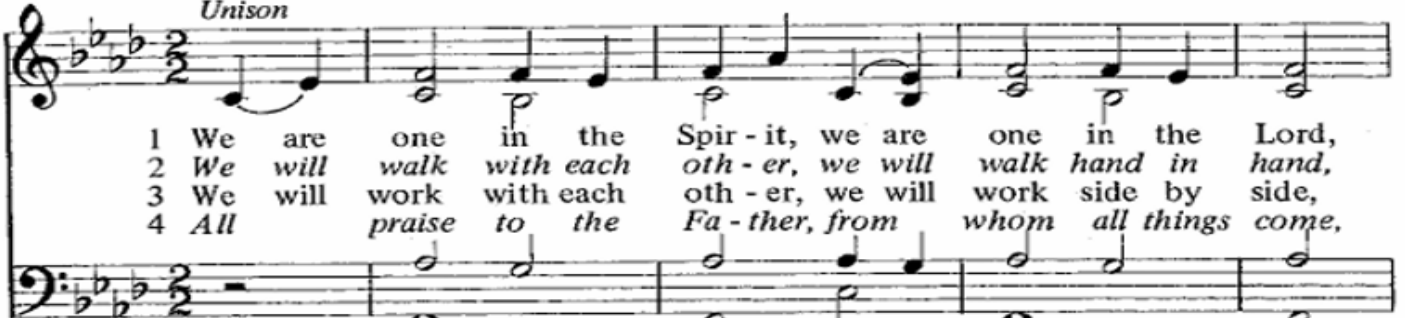
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Based on John 13:35
Peter Scholtes

... that they may be one, even as We are one. . . . — John 17:22

ST. BRENDAN'S
Peter Scholtes

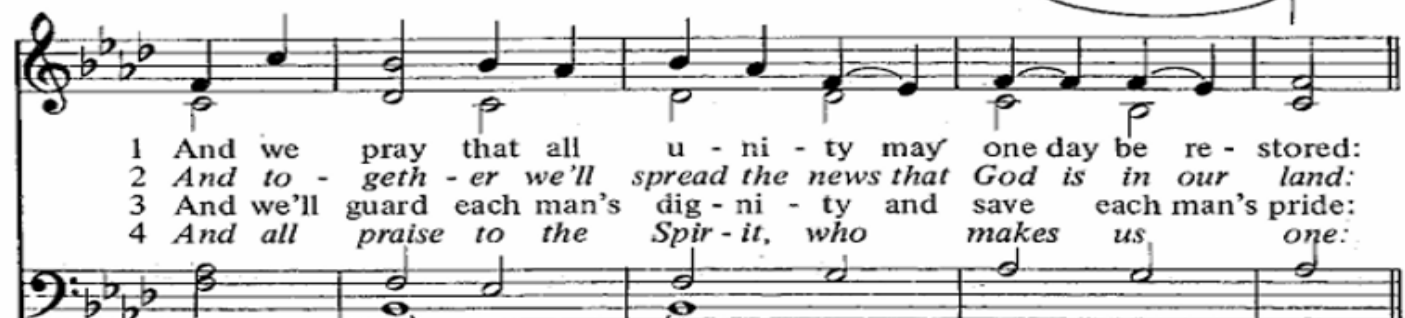
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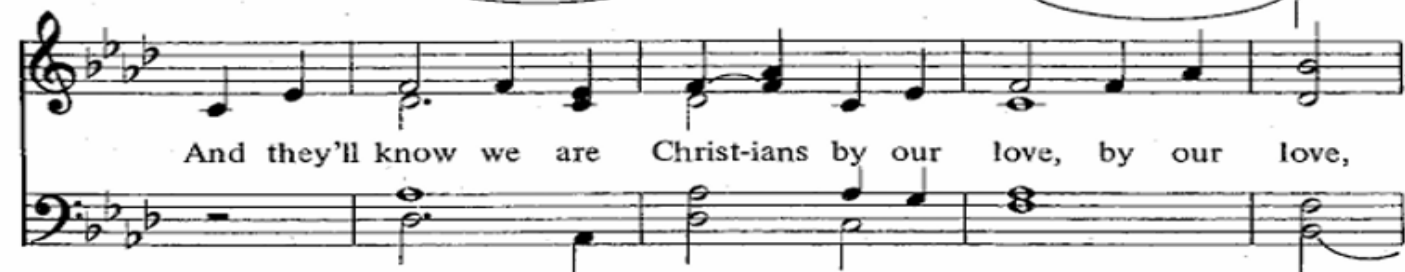
1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



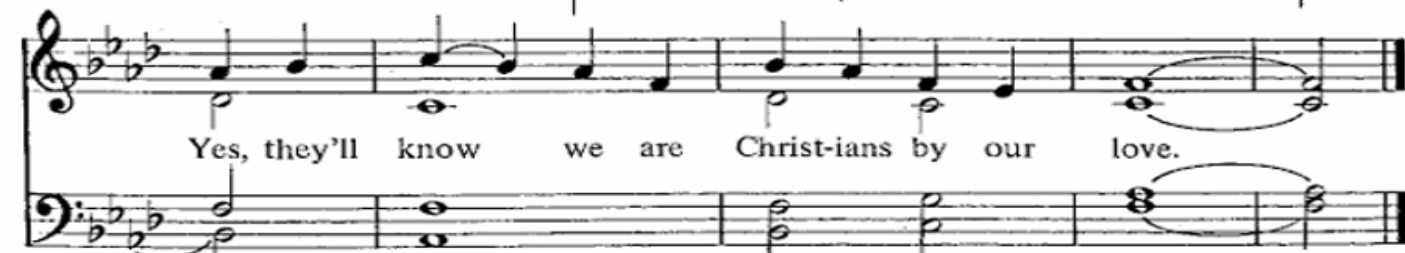
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2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son,



1 And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
2 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
3 And we'll guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride:
4 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Christ-ians by our love, by our love,



Yes, they'll know we are Christ-ians by our love.

Lamb of God, You call us to be united as one body, yet we confess how easily we divide. We forget that every member is needed, every member honored, every member beloved. Forgive us and make us one in Christ, that the world may see your love in our life together. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

JOHN 8

One: Hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel:
The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world.
In Christ, you are forgiven.

***All: We give thanks for the Lord's gift of grace
and forgiveness. Amen.***

PASSING THE PEACE

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE #337 V1 + HFG**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation! O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to his temple
draw near; join me in glad adoration!***

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

1 CORINTHIANS 12

NEW TESTAMENT

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-13

ONE BODY W/MANY PARTS

The Apostle Paul explains that spiritual gifts come from one Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives diverse gifts and talents to different people, but they all share a single purpose: to build up the church body in unity. God gives many different types of gifts, such as wisdom, faith, healing, and prophecy. All gifts are meant to help the whole faith community.

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are

varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

KIDS KIRK

KATIE BLIJA

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME UP TO THE CHANCEL

#89 + HFG *"CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER"*

***"Children of the heavenly Father,
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given."***

SPECIAL MUSIC

"By One Spirit"

CHOIR

THE EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

The Apostle Paul calls believers to engage in spiritual warfare. He uses the vivid imagery of a soldier's armor to describe the spiritual strength and divine protection God provides to stand firm. Believers discover spiritual strength, not in their own human power, but "in the Lord and in his mighty power." Paul lists six pieces of equipment, mirroring the gear of a Roman soldier but representing spiritual realities rooted in Christ. Paul ties the armor directly to a life of prayer in the Spirit on all occasions.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of

the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

One: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God***

SERMON

"Spiritual Leadership"

REV. DR. BRUCE A. JONES

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN #530 + GG *"One Bread, One Body"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

JOHN 14

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us offer our thanks to God.

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

530 One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of
all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.
And we, though man-y, through - out the
earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and
free, wom - an or man, no more.
works, one in the Lord of all.
grown, gath - ered to one, for all.

to Refrain

This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1-31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

O Lamb of God...we lift our voices in praise:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy God, we praise You... away the sin of the world.

***We believe in one Spirit who makes us
one body in Christ. We believe in one God
who strengthens us with truth.
In Christ, we stand firm.
In the Spirit, we are one.***

Gracious God...joy to Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (MALOTTE)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

MISSION IN MOTION MOMENT

TAMMY DEGARMO, PROJECT 16:49

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

***RESPONSE #2036 + SF "Give Thanks"**

***"Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give
thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. [Repeat]
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!"***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GALATIANS 6

***Lamb of God, You give yourself to us. We bring our offering in response
to your grace. Receive these gifts, and receive our lives, that your peace
may be known, your compassion shared, and your kingdom revealed in
all we do. We stand firm in your strength, proclaim the gospel of peace,
and serve with courage and compassion. Use what we give to unite your
people and to bear witness to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

***HYMN #617 + HFG "Onward, Christian Soldiers"**

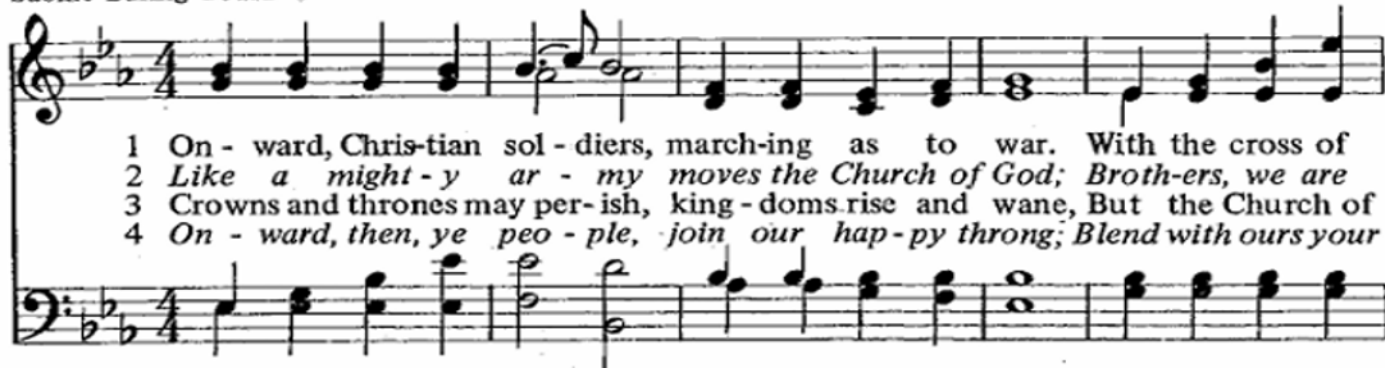
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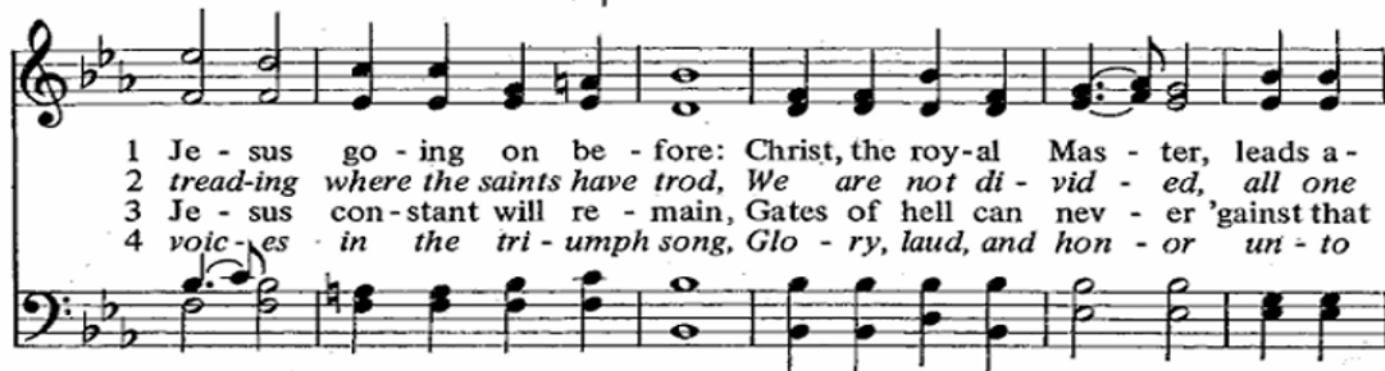
Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier . . . — II Timothy 2:3

Sabine Baring-Gould

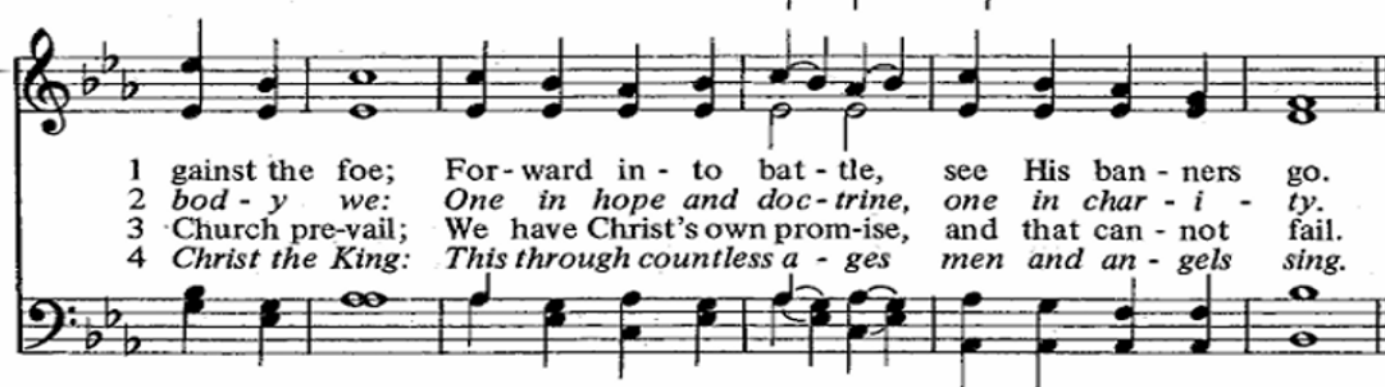
ST. GERTRUDE
Arthur S. Sullivan



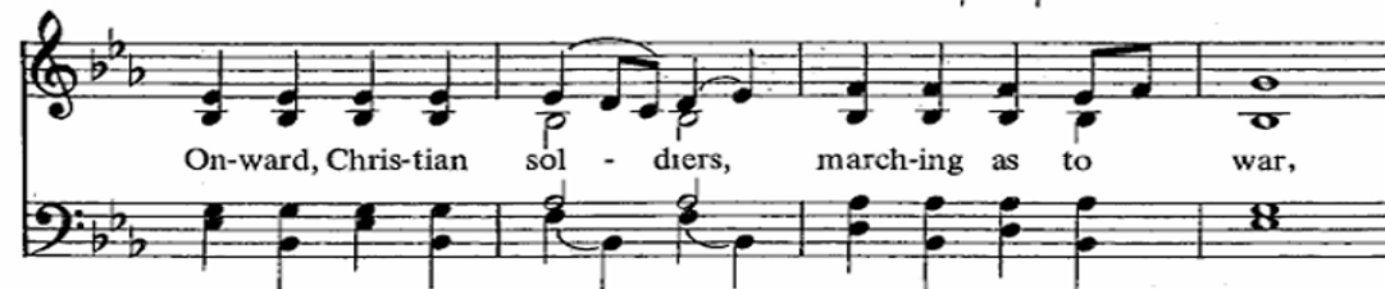
1 On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, march-ing as to war. With the cross of
2 *Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God; Broth-ers, we are*
3 Crowns and thrones may per-ish, king - doms rise and wane, But the Church of
4 On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap - py throng; Blend with ours your



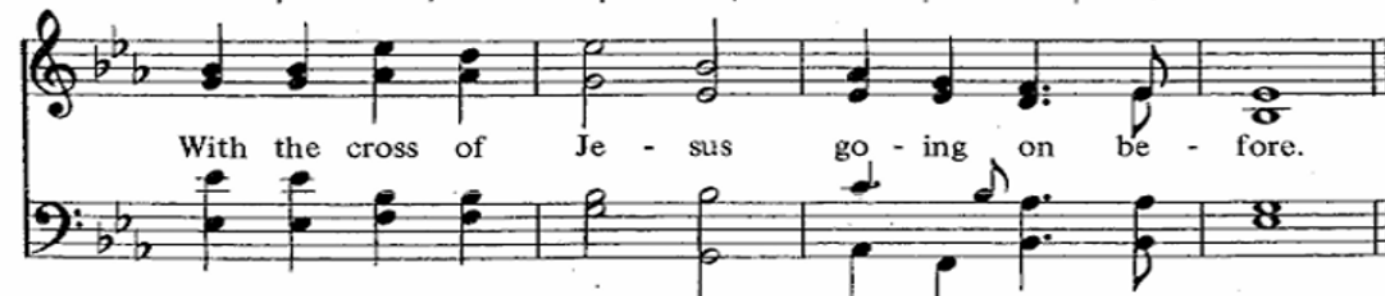
1 Je - sus go - ing on be - fore: Christ, the roy-al Mas - ter, leads a -
2 *tread-ing where the saints have trod, We are not di - vid - ed, all one*
3 Je - sus con-stant will re - main, Gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that
4 voic-es in the tri - umph song, Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to



1 gainst the foe; For-ward in - to bat - tle, see His ban - ners go.
2 *bod - y we: One in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.*
3 Church pre-vail; We have Christ's own prom-ise, and that can - not fail.
4 *Christ the King: This through countless a - ges men and an - gels sing.*



On-ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, march-ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"God is Our Refuge and Strength" / Smith

****Please remember to wear your name tags****

If you do not have one, notify the office and
we will have one made for you.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Bold text said in unison

* Please stand if you are able.

+ GG- *Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal*

+ HFG – *Hymns for the Family of God*

+ SF – *Sing the Faith*, small blue hymnal

- Audio enhancements, larger print Bibles & bulletins,
and children's resources are available

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and One License A-73845

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Marti & Will Everts

Ushers: Kristin Paul & Jesica Wellnitz

Liturgist: Sandi Fogle

Kids Kirk: Katie Blija

Communion Servers: Eileen Howarth, Karen Johnston,
Rich Johnston, Jeri Torpy

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting or seeking a church home,
we invite you to explore all that happens in the life and ministry of this
church. Speak to our pastor or someone next to you for more
information. Children are always welcome in worship. Childcare for
infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.

STAFF

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Piano/Organ Accompanist: Sylvia O'Connor
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2026 DEACONS

Theresa Huber, Eileen Howarth,
Martha Johnson, Sandy Kohls,
Jean Paszkiet, Chris Stried, Kay Ward

Coming Days

Sunday, September 13

RALLY SUNDAY

11:30am ~ Sunday Sundaes Served

Monday, September 16

3:00pm ~ Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

9:30am ~ Bible Study

6:30pm ~ Session Meeting

Thursday, September 17

6:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal



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