

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
September 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Tommy Clay, Jr.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING SENTENCES

Shaaron Kohl

Rejoice with me! The lost are found.
There is joy in the presence of God.

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Hymn #8

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own thoughts and plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimlessness and grant us wisdom to live in your light and follow in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father” Hymn #581

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World
without end, Amen.”

ANTHEM “Amazing Grace” Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

First Reading

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 p.535, OT

Second Reading

I Timothy 1:12-17 p.163, NT

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10 p.59, NT

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 p.535, OT

11 At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem:
A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert
toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse,

12 a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

22

“For my people are foolish;
they do not know me;
they are stupid children;
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil
but do not know how to do good.”

23

I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos,
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

24

I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

25

I looked, and there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

26

I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

27 For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end.

28

Because of this the earth shall mourn
and the heavens above grow black,
for I have spoken; I have purposed;
I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

I Timothy 1:12-17 p.163, NT

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, **13** even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, **14** and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. **15** The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. **16** But for that very

reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. **17** To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15:1-10 p.59, NT

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

3 So he told them this parable: **4** “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. **6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ **7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? **9** And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ **10** Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Lost and Found”

Rev. Cliff Lyda

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed)

Hymnal p.35

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; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (with the Lord's Prayer)

Hymnal p.35

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 the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING MUSIC

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DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hymn #606

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

HYMN

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Hymn #250

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;

what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Details on our website, Facebook,
& Realm calendar.)

Church Activities

Small Groups-Sunday 9:15 am; Tues. 4:00 pm; Wed. 5:00 pm.

Presbyterian Women-Circles meet every 2nd Tuesday,
10:30am & 6:30pm in the Garden Room.

Outreach Ministries

Church Life Group-movie night-Thursday's 5:30-7:00 pm in
the Bartram Room.

Bread of Life- September needs are pop-top canned food
items, fruit cups, lima beans, and jelly.

Social Connections-Thurs. 1pm in Zoom Rm. Contact
Shaaron Kohl 864-378-7032.

Quilting Group-Friday's at 10:00 in the Zoom Room,
Welcoming new members.

Shower Ministry-Thurs. from 2-5pm

Meridian/Grace Market Place-Thurs. 2-4pm in the Bartram
Rm a representative for assistance.

T.O.S.S-nightly shelter-will be closing 9-27-28

Bunco-Monday, September 15th in Westminster Hall

Presbyterian Women Gathering-Tuesday, September 16th
from 6:30-7:30 in Westminster Hall.

New Opportunities

Praise Worship Services-coming soon, contact Felecia Nelson for an interview/audition at pinkorchidjfn@aol.com.

ChEWY Activites-check the church calendar for more information or contact Sherry Tindall.

- Saturday, September 20th, Alligator Farm

Financial Report –August 31, 2025 Our budgeted expenditures for the year 2025 total \$286,000. That is the amount we anticipated receiving from pledges, other donations, miscellaneous gifts and rental of Westminster Hall. In order to reach this total – we need to bring in an average of \$5,500 per Sunday. Our actual receipts through the end of August total \$4,555 per Sunday. In August we received an average of \$3,500 per Sunday. If we are going to reach \$286,000 by the end of the year, we now need to bring in \$7,500 per Sunday.