

Service for the Lord’s Day
August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Preparation

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE “Hour of Worship” Sylvia K. Riggs

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Lynn Leake

INTROIT “Promised Comfort” R. Steven Branyon
(Isaiah 51)
(The Lord shall comfort Zion, Joy and gladness will be found in her.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens, His salvation shall be forever. Amen.)

† CALL TO WORSHIP
We give thanks to you, O God, with our whole heart,
for your steadfast love and faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased my strength of soul.
All the rulers of earth shall praise you, O God.
We join them in singing of your ways, for great is your glory.

† HYMN 263 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” (v.1-4)

† CALL TO CONFESSION

We seek the will of God, but still find ourselves conformed to this world,
instead of being transformed into God’s image. Let us seek forgiveness for the
ways we have turned away from justice and mercy.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Almighty God, When faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming,
we crumble. We fear this world. We fear losing our status, our stability,
our station more than we fear you. Forgive our shortcomings and teach
us to trust in you when we take a risk for what we know is right. Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Hear the Good News! If God was not on our side, we could not stand in the
judgment. But God is with us, steadfast and faithful, as we seek to live in peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

† ACT OF PRAISE 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

† PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
As God’s forgiven people, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

Proclamation

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Madelyn Patsy Ballard

BAPTISM HYMN 486 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” Kingdom
(v.1 & 4)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life
you speak, and to give all glory, honor and praise to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 51:1-6

ANTHEM “O Lord, Support Us All The Day Long” Carl Schalk

(O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes
and the busy Is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then Lord, in Your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 12:1-8

MESSAGE “Good, Acceptable, and Perfect” Rev. Nick Setzer

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle’s Creed p.35

† HYMN 718 “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” (v.1-4)

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Simple Gifts” arr. Tom Birchwood

† DOXOLOGY 609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are
generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your
generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your
goodness and grace. **Amen.**

† HYMN 700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (v.1-4)

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION “Go Now in Peace” Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE “Sing the Glad Song” Franklin Ritter

† Stand as you are able

Organ Trivia question: Who composed the TOCCATA from Symphony
No. 5 for organ? Charles-Marie Widor, Henri Mulet or J.S. Bach?
Answer found on Calendar for this week.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Madelyn Patsy Ballard. Madelyn is the
daughter of Daley & Katharine Ballard. She is the granddaughter of Susan
Lee and Dain Ballard, and the great granddaughter of Patsy Sandifer.

Book club will meet September 9th in the parlor! We are reading
“Whistler” by Ann Patchett. All are welcome!! Contact Liz Ann Hill
(lizannhill15@gmail.com) with questions.

The First Presbyterian Preschool Back to School Carnival will be
TONIGHT from 5-7pm in the Family Life Center. Hot dogs will be
served. Bring your child’s backpack for Blessing of the Backpacks.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Summerfest BBQ Fundraiser
to support our Youth!

The Pastor’s Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 9th at 10am.
The study will be on John’s Gospel. We will meet every Wednesday at
10am.

Theology 101 will continue starting Tuesday, September 8th at 4pm.
The study will continue on the PC(USA) Book of Confessions.

SHHHH....IT’S A SURPRISE!

Join us for a SURPRISE Birthday Drop In for Mike Allman, Sr. on
Saturday, August 29th from 11:00am-1:00pm at the River Hill’s Country
Club. Please help keep it a surprise. **RSVP** to Caroline at (803)487-1835.
No gifts please, but he loves birthday cards! No speeches, no agendas,
just good friends, great company and chance to celebrate Mike.
**If we have enough people (8-10), Alice will drive the church bus for the
drop in. The bus will be leaving the church at 11am.**

CONGRATULATIONS!!!
Honorary Life Recipient for 2026
Presbyterian Women awarded Midge McAfee the Honorary
Life Award for 2026. Midge has worked hard serving our
Presbyterian Women, our church, and our community. Thank
you, Midge, for your dedicated service.

CHURCH FALL EVENTS YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS!

Sunday, August 30th 6pm..Burgers and Bingo. Church Family will gather at 6pm
to enjoy hamburgers, chips, cookies and drinks. Then we will play BINGO. Let
Alice know if you can donate a prize (\$5 & Under)
Sunday, September 13th 2pm Bowater Park Church Picnic for everyone. We
will have hamburgers. Bring a side to share and a beverage. We will eat at
6pm.
Sunday, September 27th (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE) 1:15pm Lazy 5
Ranch for all ages. It is a wagon ride safari in Mooresville, NC. Register with
Alice by September 13TH.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

All caregivers, Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Bill Herron (Leukemia), Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Chip Lee (father of Bethany James), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom), Jim Bolduc (Surgery), Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Julie Setzer (Jane Ratliff's daughter) has bone cancer, Ree Dillon (Neck Surgery), Becca VanVoorhis (Molly Leake & Will McCormick's sister) fell & broke her hip & Jane Ratliff.

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Bob Falls, Jane Spratt, Lorraine Stewart & Cathy Kemp

FLOWERS: The sanctuary flowers today are given in memory of Susan and John Langford by their family.

PLEASE NOTE: If a name needs to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office as we hope to update the prayer list by September 6th.

The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help in the Nursery on Sundays. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nick or Eddie Lee.

Parents, high school & middle school students, mark your calendars now!

Montreat Youth Conference Week 3 July 11-17, 2027
Maryville Middle School Conference July 21-25, 2027

LITTLE DISCIPLES

23rd Patti Earle
30th Molly Leake

ACOLYTES

23rd Elizabeth Hiott/Maggie Hill
30th Mackenna Z./Carter S.

NURSERY

Melissa Allman
Angie Pratt

CROSS BEARER

Eliana Setzer
Tallon Zesiger

After school programs for 1st-6th graders will begin in September. If your child wants to participate one Wednesday per month, please let Alice know!

SET UP FOR HEARING AIDS TO CONNECT TO SANCTUARY AUDIO

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CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 8-23 7:30am Session Meeting
10:00am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Baptism
5:00pm Preschool Back to School Carnival in gym

Mon. 8-24 9:00am First Day of Preschool

Tues. 8-25 7:45am Youth to Southern Touch Cafe

Wed. 8-26 6:0pm Choir
8:00pm AA

Sun. 8-30 10:00am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship
6:00pm Burgers and Bingo

Answer to Organ Trivia:
Charles-Marie Widor

Did you know there are only 17 Sundays until Christmas? Many of you enjoyed "The Christmas Extravaganza" last year in Charlotte. Dancers, singers and musicians bringing us Christmas melodies. It will be Sunday evening, November 29th at 7pm. Tickets are \$45 each. It is extremely early, but we want great seats! Please contact Alice ASAP if you are interested in going. She will be ordering tickets soon.

Our Youth, grades 7-12 meet at Southern Touch Café every Tuesday morning from 7:45-8:30am. Please join us for a devotion, conversation, a breakfast coffee or some food. Nick and/or Alice will take you to school if you do not drive!

The church has only two cemetery plots left for sale at Lakeview Memory Gardens. The Session has authorized the Finance Committee to reduce the price of each plot to \$2,000.00. If you are interested, call Ronnie Bailes or any member of the Finance Committee.

Session Members & Their Committees

Liz Ann Hill...Clerk & Personnel & IT	Rick Beard.....Property
Jenny Hill.....Asst. Clerk & Family Life	Pete Carroll....Property
Eddie Lee....Worship & Personnel	Donna Langford..Cong. Care & PW
Ronnie Bailes..Finance & Personnel	Sonya Kent....Congregational Care
Melissa Allman....Family Life & Personnel	Jamie Caveny..Family Life
Lynn Leake...Worship	Jay Leake.....Property
Christopher Black..Personnel & Finance	Shawn Jarrett...IT
Debbie Lowe...Congregational Care	Jake Walden...Mission/Evangelism
David Dickson..Mission/Evangelism	Neil McWhorter...Finance
Angie Pratt....Mission/Evangelism	Tom Setzler....Congregational Care

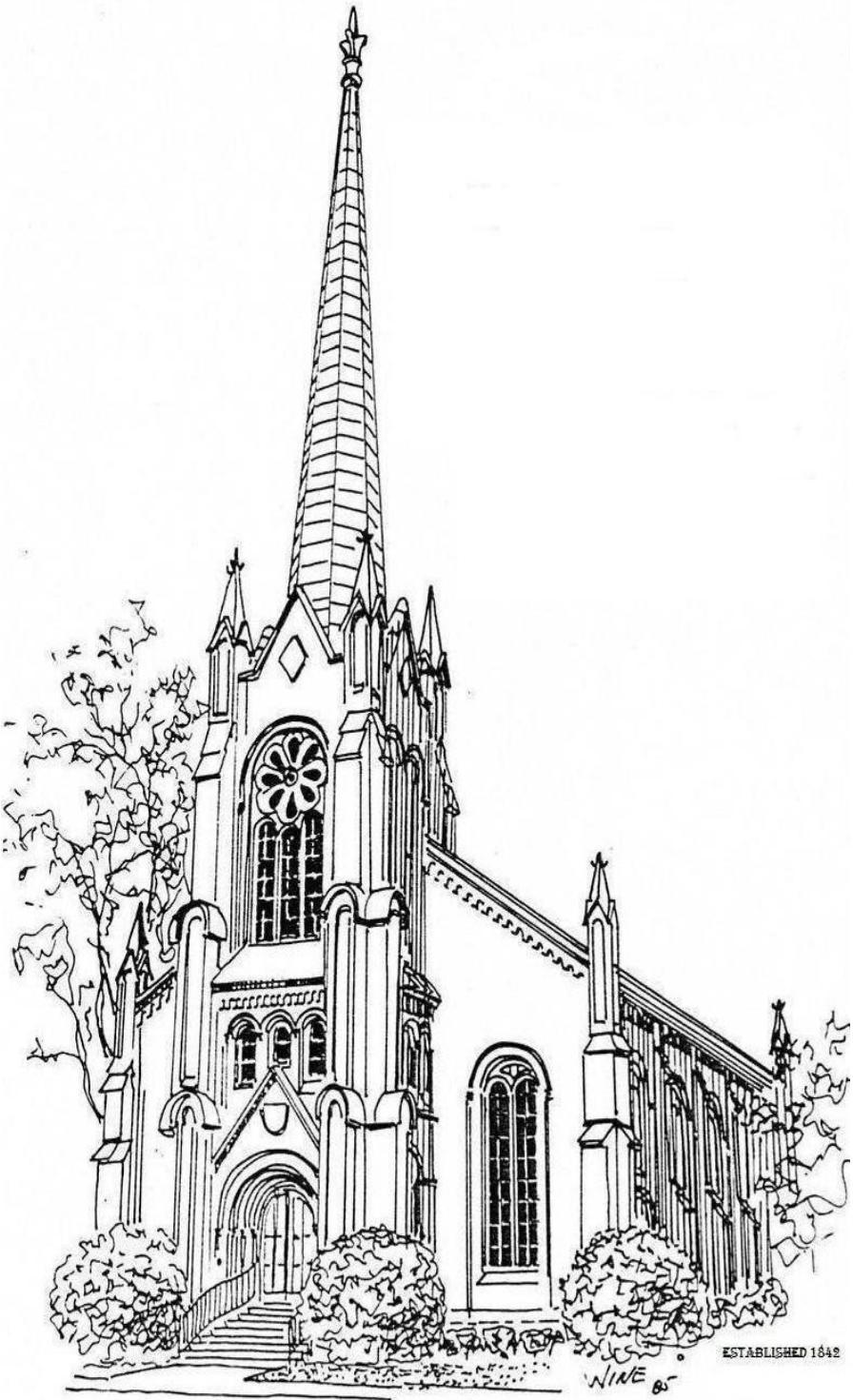
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