

<i>Service for the Lord's Day</i> <i>July 26, 2026</i> <i>Ninth Sunday After Pentecost</i> <i>Preparation</i>			
CHIMING OF THE HOUR			
PRELUDE	Improvisation on "Slane"	R. Steven Branyon	
WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS		Christopher Black	
CHORAL INTROIT	"Blessed Is The Nation" (Psalm 33:12)	Blanche D. Byles	
(Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance. Amen)			
†	CALL TO WORSHIP		
Turn to us and be gracious, O God, For we love your holy name. Keep our steps steady, according to your promise, And never let evil have dominion over us. Redeem us from oppression, That we may keep your commandments. Let your face shine upon us, And teach us your way of life.			
†	HYMN 735	"I Need Thee Every Hour"	(v.1-4) Need
†	CALL TO CONFESSION		
The Apostle Paul reminds us that when we are weak and do not know how to pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us. We come before God not because we have all the right words, but because God's grace is greater than our sin and God's love never lets us go. Trusting in that mercy, let us confess our sins together.			
†	PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Gracious God, we confess that we often forget to trust You. We allow fear to replace faith, worry to overcome hope, and our own strength to take the place of Your grace. Too often we live as though we are alone, forgetting that Your Spirit is with us and that nothing can separate us from Your love. Forgive us, renew us, and fill us with the confidence that comes through Jesus Christ. Teach us to trust Your promises and to rest in Your unfailing love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.			
†	ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
Friends, hear the Good News: God is for us. Not even our sins can separate us from the love of God. Glory be to God for this grace and mercy!			
†	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 to one another.			

<i>Proclamation</i>					
TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES	Alice Smith				
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	I Kings 3:5-12				
ANTHEM	"O Lord, Support Us"	Carl Schalk			
O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and 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 8:26-39				
MESSAGE	"Inseparable"	Rev. Nick Setzer			
† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostle's Creed	p.35			
† HYMN	450	"Be Thou My Vision" (v.1-4)	Slane		
<i>Dedication</i>					
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER					
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS					
OFFERTORY	"Voici que notre mirror est le Seigneur" (Behold your mirror is the Lord-Ode de Solomon 13)	Dom Paul Benoit			
† 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	307	"God of Grace and God of Glory" (v.1-4)	Cwm Rhondda		
† BENEDICTION					

TOMORROW, July 27, ages K-5 through 8th grade will go to Monster Golf in Gastonia. The cost is \$13. Meet at the church at 12 noon. RSVP to Alice.

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.

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Bob Falls, Jane Spratt, Lorraine Stewart & Cathy Kemp

FLOWERS: The sanctuary flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in gratitude for His unfailing love and abundant blessings.
During this season of celebrating our nation's freedom, may we remember the greater freedom we have through Jesus Christ. May our hearts be filled with gratitude, our lives reflect His grace, and our prayers continue for our country, its leaders, and all who serve.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." — Galatians 5:1

Given by Kelly & Neil McWhorter

PLEASE NOTE: If you have placed someone on the prayer list and they are doing better, or if you are on the prayer list and wish to be removed, please notify the church office.

LITTLE DISCIPLES	NURSERY
26 th Chris Zesiger	Melissa Allman
2 nd LizAnn Hill	Angie Pratt
ACOLYTES	CROSS BEARER
26 th MacKenna Zesiger/Maggie Hill	Tallon Zesiger
2 nd Kemp Hall/Oscar Setzer	Elizabeth Hiott

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.

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Scan: the QR code above to download the ListenWiFi app
Connect: your phone to the Wi-Fi Network
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Open: the ListenWiFi app
Click: "Venue Scan" on the app and the audio will connect to your device
Listen: Make sure your phone is paired to your bluetooth headphones or hearing aid.



CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	7-26	10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship
Mon.	7-27	12:00pm Children to Monster Golf
Wed.	7-29	8:00pm AA
Thur.	7-30	6:30pm Bear Walrus Restaurant
Fri.	8-1	4:30pm Church Cook Out at the Leakes
Sun.	8-2	10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship/Dimes for Hunger/Backpack Blessing

Answer to Organ Trivia:
Pedals were not always a part of the organ. Pedals are supposed to have been invented by one Albert Van Os, about 1120 AD. This Albert Van Os built the organ of the St. Nicholas Church, Utrecht, and is the earliest organ builder of whom any authentic account exists.

Mark your calendars for the First Presbyterian Preschool Back to School Carnival. It will be August 23rd from 5-7pm in the Family Life Center. Hot dogs will be served. Bring your child's backpack for Blessing of the Backpacks.

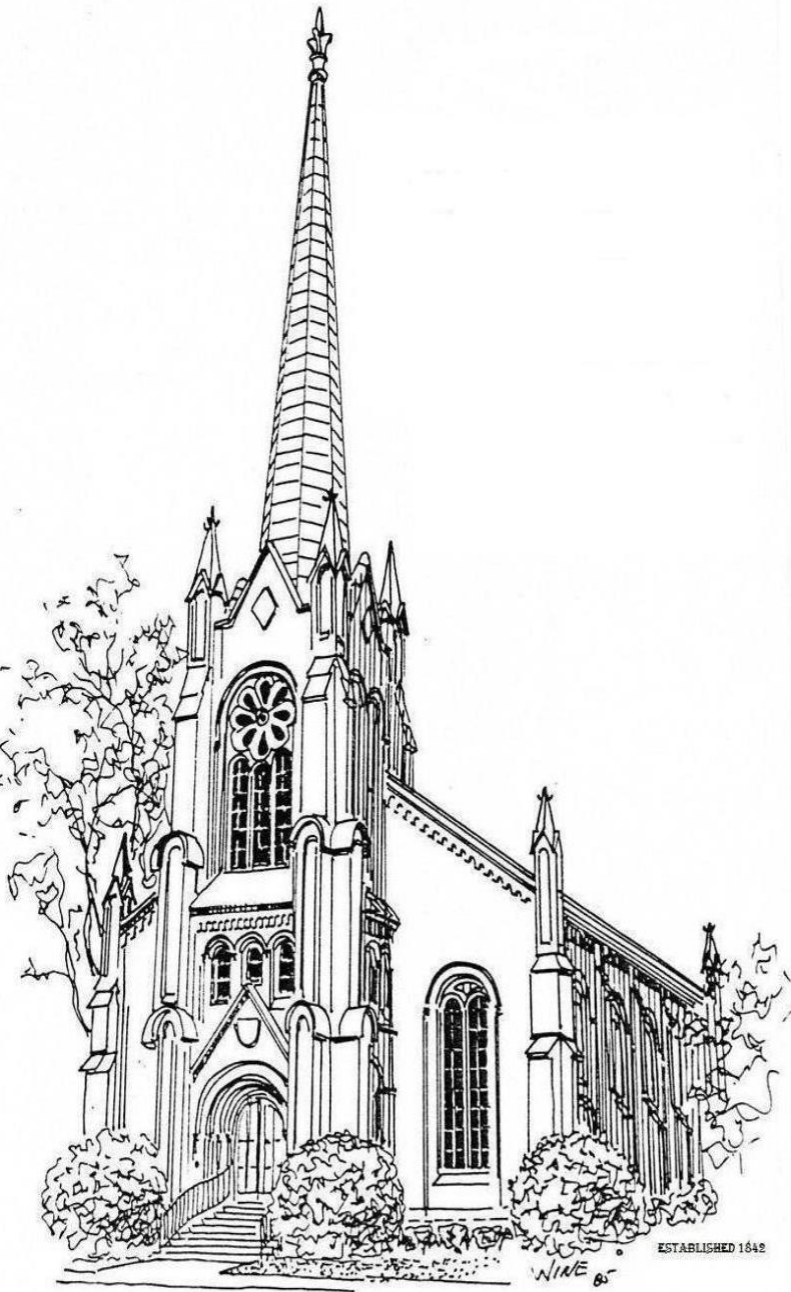
The church has only two cemetery plots left for sale at Lakeview Memory Gardens. The Session has authorized the Finance Committee to reduce the price of each plot to \$2,000.00. If you are interested, call Ronnie Bailes or any member of the Finance Committee.

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
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