

Prayer and Care List

Please pray for those who are homebound, sick and grieving:

At home: Liz & Vann Johnson, Harriet Heath, Pat Spear, Betty

Pittman, Dorothy Williams

Churchland House: Ed Heath

Lake Prince Woods: Sarah & Milt Brown

Parsons: Mary Alice Thomasson

Clergy and Staff

Pastor	Rev. Dr. H. Celeste Heath
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Calendar

September 7	Labor Day-Church Office Closed
September 8	3pm SPRC 7pm Southside Band
September 9	10am Leadership Board Meeting 5pm Wednesday Night Dinner
September 10	1:30pm Violin classes 6pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Monumental

United Methodist Church

September 6, 2026

Celebration of Creation in Christ

11:00 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Gaelic Morning

D. Forrest

Maggie Tripold, piano

Congregational Gathering Song

There is a Wideness in God's Mercy v.1

Hymnal #121

There is a wideness in God's mercy

like the wideness of the sea

There's a kindness in God's justice

which is more than liberty.

*Call to Worship

When God began creating...

God held purpose, possibility and intention...

For all creation to belong and flourish together.

As God continued creating...

Jesus Christ brought to light God's love in tender flesh...

That we may trust the light when we've lost our way.

As God restores and redeems toward New Creation

God's Spirit continues to breathe across the waters.

In this season, the lantern shines beauty from inside the stone that God created.

May God's love inspire our song.

***Hymn** *Maker in Whom We Live* *Hymnal #88*

Opening Prayer

Compassionate, merciful God, Companion with all Creation, we gather today in celebration, giving thanks for the diversity of relatives and the abundance of fertile soils and salty seas. With the ancients, we rejoice, “In wisdom you have made them all.” May we open our hearts to feel the threats to Creation. May we hear anew the Spirit’s call for wise keepers of Earth’s resilience. May we learn again to love what you have loved from the beginning. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Scripture Lesson *John 1:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16*

Offering

Anthem *Creation Will Be at Peace* *A.L. Page*
Chancel Choir

***Doxology** *page 94*

***Hymn** *Bring Forth the Kingdom* *TFWS# 2190*

Sermon *Creation and Connection*

Morning Prayers *Touch the Earth Lightly*

*v.1 Touch the Earth lightly, use the earth gently
nourish the life of the world in our care.*

*Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

v.4 God of all living, God of all loving

*God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
Teach us, deflect us, Christ, reconnect us,*

Using us gently and making us one.

Service of Holy Communion

***Hymn** *God Who Stretched the Spangled Skies* Hymnal #150

Benediction

Postlude *Praise to the Lord* *P. Manz*

***Please stand if you are able.**

Congregational Offering August 30, 2026

Received: \$1,140.00

TOTAL GIVING FOR 8/30/2026.....\$1,140.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Volunteers and Health & Safety Team Assignments

Vol.1, J. Hollowell check-in; Vol. 2, R. Hollowell (R1) greeter at Chapel entry door; Vol. 3, B. Richardson (R2) greeter at Dinwiddie Street door/Acolyte; L. Edmonds (R3) Addnl. H&S Resp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Noonday Concert- Monday, Sept. 28th at 12 noon. Mary Dolch, organist and choir master at Galilee Church in Virginia Beach.

SAVE THE DATE-Rise Against Hunger Oct. 3rd 10am-12noon

Charge Conference, Thursday, October 8, 6:30pm. Monumental will host the churches for the Western Region Charge Conference of our district.