

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Toccata* Théodore Dubois

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Gracious and merciful God, you bear our burdens and break the chains that bind us. Save us from the sin that we often fail to recognize. Show us your path of love and justice, that we might follow, for your way is perfect, now and forevermore. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Jacob Suttle

Call to Worship (responsive)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

Let us worship the Lord.

* Hymn of Praise 353 – *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

* Call to Confession

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Knowing that God is compassionate to all, let us confess our sins.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

God upholds all who are falling, and raises up those who are bowed down.

Jesus Christ rescues us from sin and death; thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* 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, amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Jacob Suttle

The Sacrament of Baptism for August Simmons Boucher

Presentation

Declarations of Intent

Profession of Faith

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed – traditional (unison)

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 on 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 life everlasting. Amen

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Laying on of Hands

Baptismal Hymn 482 *Baptized in Water*

Charge and Blessing

Prayer for 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.

First Reading – Romans 7:15-25a

pew Bible pg. 918

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Moses Hogan

Michael Ginn, soloist

Second Reading – Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

pew Bible pg. 792

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Sermon – Come to Me, All You That are Weary

Rev. Dr. Christopher Croftwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 340 – *This is My Song*

Prayers of the People (responsive)

Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for the church . . . Enlighten us through the truth of your Word—hidden from the wise, revealed to infants—so that we may know and seek your

gracious will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for the earth . . . Look with love upon your whole creation: let the winter of destruction be past; let the springtime of healing begin. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for all nations . . . Gather all peoples at the oasis of your peace; help us to remember our common heritage, and pledge ourselves in love to one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for this community . . . Send us out into the streets and markets to proclaim good news to our neighbors and invite them to eat and drink with Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones . . . Give rest to those who are weary and weighed down by heavy burdens. Hold them in your gentle hand. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory – *Borning Cry*

David Christiansen

The Doxology – Hymn 606

* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 8 – *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

May the blessing of the Trinity—holy, holy, holy Lord—be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

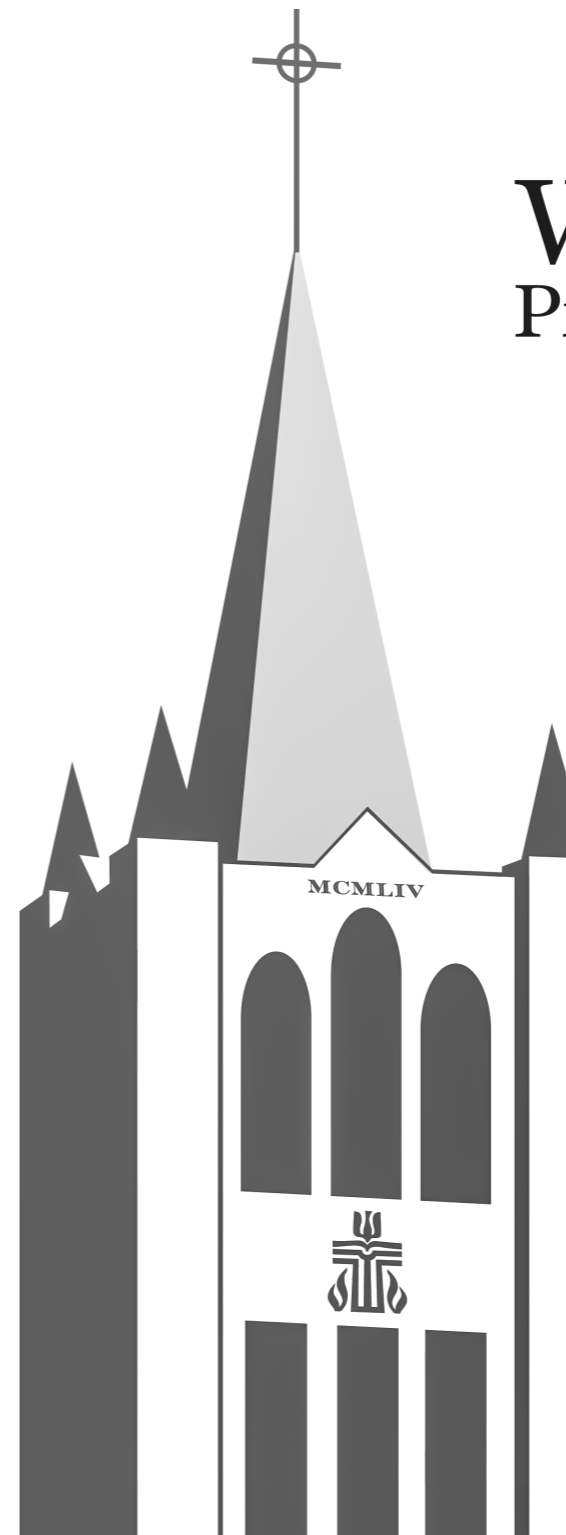
And I said, "Here I am; send me!" Amen.

* Postlude – *Fanfare for the Common Man*

Aaron Copland



* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold.**



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"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation—everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

II Corinthians 5:17

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(* new added prayers)

Janet Baldwin – family issues

Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's

Jan Bozeman – constant pain

Larry & Margaret Burge of Poplarville, friends of Michael Yore – Larry has cancer

Laura Pearce Cureton, Nancy Johnson's goddaughter – nerve block therapy continues

Malcolm Curtis, Janet Baldwin's co-worker – health issues

Deidra Dickenson, Kathy Cain's sister – onset dementia

Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance

Erica Gilmore, friend of Janet Baldwin – family issues

Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia

Mckenna Hawkins, daughter of Michael Yore's friend – cancer

Charles "Rocky" Hartfield, friend of Pam Love – health issues

Peggy Henry, Karen Reidenbach's sister – continued strength through addiction recovery

Charlotte Hill

Ann Johnson

Geraldine Jones

B.J. Lambert

Rebecca Lawrence, friend of Karen Reidenbach – recovering from injuries from a car accident.

Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles' first cousin – dementia

Anita Murphy, friend of Mary Cromartie – lung cancer

Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength

**Brenda Owens – recovering from a broken ankle*

Renee Parker, friend of Ruthie Davis – macular degeneration

Carolyn Mitchell Pintard, Betty Mitchell's daughter – grave health issues

**Michael Raggio*

Sheema Reid, Carolyn McLaman's sister-in-law – lymph nodes issues

**Franklin Eugene Roberts, Robin Roberts' brother – health concerns*

Laura Todd, Grayson Rayborn's cousin – multiple health issues

Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Jerry Spann, friend of Ruthie Davis – cancer

Korie Turner, friend of Ruthie Davis – prayers for courage

Ella Young, sister of Janet Baldwin – struggling with dementia



Greeting and Announcements

Welcome to Westminster! We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

The July/August Today devotionals (large and small print) are on the narthex cabinet.

The Youth will not meet today.

Brown Bag Bible Study will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Men of the Church will meet Thursday at 7 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.

If you need something **notarized**, contact Martha in the office. No charge for members.

There is a box on the narthex cabinet labeled glasses for your **donated glasses**. These will be taken to the Lion's Club.

The **furniture warehouse** is in need of donations. Call the office if you have items to donate and we will schedule a pickup.

We are **collecting clothes** (women and children) for the domestic abuse shelter. Call Ann Johnson (601-268-6632) to schedule a drop-off time.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Margaret Gooch, sister of Martha Ann Hogrefe, from the William Hughes family.

Today's liturgy is in part adapted from the Call to Worship website, a resource created by the PCUSA's Office of Theology and Worship and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

Reminder: During the summer months as the AC runs more frequently in the church, please help us be good stewards by keeping the interior doors of the building closed as much as possible. Thank you.



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