

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES		
Today (07/19)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
Monday (07/20)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
		Website Information Due
	6:30p	Triad A Capella Connection
Wednesday (07/22)	9:00a	WW Meeting
Sunday (07/26)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

Pennies for Hunger: Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

Dollars for Missions: All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.



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Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

July 19, 2026—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has searched us and known us. God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

All: God searches out our path and our lying down. God is acquainted with all our ways.

One: Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it. God's hand is ever available to guide us.

All: Such knowledge is a wonder to us. It is beyond anything we can attain.

One: We cannot escape from God's spirit. There is nowhere to flee from God's presence.

All: Darkness is as light to our God. God illuminates the way before us. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Search us and test us, that all wickedness may be purged from us, O Creator. Save us from our futile striving after our own advantage. Reshape our will to conform with your intentions for us. We confess that we have allowed weeds to grow in our lives. Our focus has drifted from the harvest you intend to the fears and greed that hold us hostage. Release us from bondage to decay that we may grow in likeness to Jesus Christ. We want to bear fruit for you. Turn us to the brightness of a new day.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)

Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: If by the Spirit we put to death the misuse of our bodies, we will live. We are set free from bondage to death to claim the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Live in the hope God offers, waiting with patience for all that God will yet reveal. You will shine like the sun in the realm of God, who leads us in the way everlasting. Friends, believe the good news...

All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*RESPONSE

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139:1-12. 23-24

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON

“Pulling Weeds”

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Jul 19)

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Maddrey, Priscilla Henderson

Serving Next Sunday (Jul 26)

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Maddrey, Priscilla Henderson

*Those who are able, please stand.