

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES		
Today (08/09)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service— <i>Communion</i>
Monday (08/10)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
		Website Information Due
	10:00a	S&F Committee
	6:30p	Triad A Capella Connection
Wednesday (08/12)	7:00p	Stated Session Meeting
	9:00a	WW Meeting
	6:00p	The Gathering
Sunday (08/16)	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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August 9, 2026—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

The Gathering: Wednesday, August 12, at 6:00p, will be our Bingo Night and Ice Cream Sundae Gathering. Please register on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board. Deadline for registering is Monday, August 10, at 9:00a.

School Supplies: We will again provide school supplies for our adopted school, Appalachian State Academy at Middle Fork, in Walkertown. Their needs are listed below and the deadline for collections will be at our August Gathering (August 12, 2026).

Please feel free to bring your donations in earlier and place them in the box located in the Narthex. Thank you!

- Kleenex
- Children Belts for Pants
- Deodorant (non-allergenic)
- Shoes (youth sizes)
- Hand Sanitizer (for class room)
- Water Bottles
- Wipes (Clorox, Baby, Water, etc.)
- Encouragement Stickers
- Encouraging Hand Stamps
- Mini Whiteboards
- Bookbags (Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc.)
- Glue sticks 24 count crayons
- 12 count colored pencils
- Highlighters
- #2 pre-sharpened pencils
- Zip lock bags—sandwich, quart and gallon sizes

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us. Do not fear to meet Christ today.

All: We have heard the invitation. Our hopes have brought us together.

One: The storms of life do not have the last word. Our faith keeps us from sinking.

All: Our doubts lead to greater faith. Our losses open us to greater possibilities.

One: Let us call on God's name and give thanks. Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

All: We will sing of God's wonderful works. We will share with others God's marvelous deeds. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

SOLID ROCK

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we are dreamers more intent on our own importance than on your vision for us. We like our favored position on this earth, and we are jealous of those who have even more than we. We want to walk on water before we have even learned to stand upright on the land. We want to rise above others rather than reaching out with helping hands, that all might be uplifted by you. We pray for pardon and a chance to live and serve with faithfulness.

(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: O you of little faith, why do you doubt? Take heart. Do not be afraid. The harsh winds will abate. The seas will not overwhelm. The treachery of some will not wipe out the good God intends. Everyone who calls on God’s name will be saved. Remember God’s wonderful works and share the good news. Let all humankind praise God. 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.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

“Stepping Out of the Boat”

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 834

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

PRECIOUS LORD

*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.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation
The Prayer of Thanksgiving—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.

The Words of Institution
The Sharing of God’s Gifts
The Communion Prayer

*HYMN NO. 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Aug 09)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram
Element Prep: Priscilla Henderson, Joanne Dramstad
Assisting Elders: Shari Downing, Nancy Sharp,
Linda Volcek, Ellen Watts

Serving Next Sunday (Aug 16)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram

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