

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES		
Today (08/23)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
Monday (08/24)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due
	6:30p	Triad A Capella Connection
Wednesday (08/26)	9:00a	WW Meeting
Sunday (08/30)	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 23, 2026—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth. Come to worship the One who answers our prayers.

All: If God were not on our side, we could not live. If God were not for us, we would be swept away.

One: God has gifted each one of us in unique ways. In our variety, we complement one another.

All: We rejoice in God's love and faithfulness. Blessed be our God, whose word is true.

One: In thankfulness, we bring our joyous songs. We are here to pay attention to God's instructions.

All: We are here, seeking to discern God's will. We are open to God's transforming Spirit. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we do not recognize the many blessings you have given us. We think we are poor when we cannot have everything we want. Keep us from misusing the power we have. We confess our fear of those who are unlike us. We set up barriers against them when we are afraid. Keep us from acting in ways that alienate and divide. When we are tempted to conform to the world’s standards, set before us the higher model of sacrifice and service that is given to us in Jesus, in whose name we prayer.

(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: God gives us grace to think with sober judgment and to act with confident faith. By that grace, we have unique gifts to use within the body of Christ. God forgives, heals, and empowers us with new insights and expanded capacity to serve. In humble obedience, we learn the joy of following Jesus and living for the highest good for all. 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.*

Psalm 124

Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON

“Who Do You Say I Am?”

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. 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Aug 23)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

Serving Next Sunday (Aug 30)

Greeters/Ushers: Nancy Sharp, Linda Volcek

*Those who are able, please stand.

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