

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES		
Today (08/30)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service
Monday (08/31)	9:00a 6:30p	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due Triad A Capella Connection
Tuesday (09/01)	11:00a	W&M Committee Meeting
Wednesday (09/02)	9:00a	WW Meeting
Sunday (09/06)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School 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 30, 2026—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Why have we gathered on this holy day? What has drawn us to this time and place?

All: We have been drawn to a flame burning here. We sense the glory of God in this place.

One: God calls us to this time of worship. The place where we are standing is holy ground.

All: Give thanks to God, sing praises. Give attention to the voice of God.

One: Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses. In the rhythms of worship, God speaks to us.

All: We will listen for God's message to us. Surely God's strength will supply our needs. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 216

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

The Gathering: Wednesday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m. it's "Back to School" tailgate style. So, gather your school spirit and don your favorite team's gear/logo. Please register on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board.

Save the Date! Market for All Seasons
October 24, 2026
8 a.m. until 12 noon

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have wavered in our faith in the midst of suffering, and we have not persevered in prayer. We have claimed to be wiser than we are, and have even tried to correct you. We make excuses for ourselves rather than listening for your direction and heeding your call. Our days are so filled with the busyness of this world that we cannot see you at work among us. We are so weighed down by our own concerns that we have no energy to serve you. Send your cleansing fire among us, forgiving God.

(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 is ever willing to grant us forgiveness, but we cannot receive it if we are unwilling to be changed by it. As long as we focus on preserving our own lives, protecting our advantages, we will be lost. If we want to be Christ’s followers, we will deny ourselves and take up the cross, not as a burden, but as the joyous symbol of loving and giving for all the right reasons. We will overcome evil with good. 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.*

Exodus 3:1-15

Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

“Cross Bearing”

Ellen Watts & Dee Barham

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 828

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

MORE LOVE TO THEE

*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. 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Aug 30)

Greeters/Ushers: Nancy Sharp, Linda Volcek

Serving Next Sunday (Sep 6)

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