

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES		
Today (09/13)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service— <i>Communion</i>
Monday (09/14)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
		Website Information Due
	10:00a	S&F Committee Meeting
	6:30p	Triad A Capella Connection
Wednesday (09/16)	7:00p	Stated Session Meeting
	9:00a	WW Meeting
Sunday (09/20)	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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September 13, 2026—*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God. Let us remember God's marvelous works.

All: Surely God has saved us in difficult times. How can we forget God's guiding hand?

One: When evil surrounds us and we have been wronged, God helps us turn the evil to good.

All: We need not be afraid whatever happens. We are in God's care wherever we go.

One: Sing the praises of God, our strength. Know that God is majestic and holy.

All: How great is God's mercy for all who worship! We sense among us God's kindness and patience. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 2

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

Financial Update can be found 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

We bow before your judgment seat, O God. We have ranked our sisters and brothers by the faulty standards of our society to decide who is worthy of our attention. We have rejected those whom we dislike and have been harsh with those we think do not measure up. We have been quite willing to overlook our own faults as we look down on other people. O God, you have shown us a better way. Save us from the pain we inflict and help us to discover the blessing of forgiveness.

(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 has pity on us and releases us from the debts we have accumulated. In the great design of the universe, we are equipped to receive this forgiveness only when we extend it to others. Jesus points us to unlimited willingness to forgive—seventy times seven. How amazing is God’s love for us, and God’s expectation of us! 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 14:19-31

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

“Forgiveness”

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 507

“Come to the Table of Grace”

TABLE OF GRACE

*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. 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BABILONE

Serving Today (Sep 13)

Greeters/Ushers: Wanda Sampson, Ellen Watts

Element Prep: Nancy Bolen, Priscilla Henderson

Assisting Elders: Kerry Kerr, Nancy Bolen, Ellen Watts, Skip Smith

Serving Next Sunday (Sep 20)

Greeters/Ushers: Wanda Sampson, Ellen Watts

*Those who are able, please stand.