

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES		
Today (09/06)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
Monday (09/07)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
		Website Information Due
	1:00p	Fellowship Committee Meeting
Wednesday (09/09)	6:30p	Triad A Capella Connection
	9:00a	WW Meeting
Sunday (09/13)	6:00p	The Gathering
	9:30a	Sunday School
Sunday (09/13)	10:30a	Worship Service— <i>Communion</i>

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 6, 2026—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Tell the whole congregation of God's people: This is a day for new beginnings.

All: This is a time of God's appearing. This is the moment for faithful response.

One: Praise God in the assembly of the faithful. Make melody to God and sing a new song.

All: Praise God for life enriched by love. Praise God for love that fulfills God's law.

One: This is the hour to wake from our sleep. The energy of God's love fills this place.

All: Here we claim our identity as Christians. Here we become the church of Jesus Christ. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have not been faithful to your commands. We have been more ready to condemn than to console, more eager to justify ourselves than to work for understanding. We feed the flames of dissent instead of welcoming the freeing power of forgiveness. We gather as two or three, not to welcome your presence but to gossip about those who are absent. Our sins are destroying us, God. Turn us around to a new way of being.

(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: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers. God’s healing presence has come among us and dwells within us. Our openness to God’s transforming love releases in us the potential for wholeness. We will be amazed at what we can do and who we can be as humble, joyous followers of the One who is the way, the truth, and the life. 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 12:1-14

Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

“Working Things Out”

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 300** *“We Are One in the Spirit”* THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***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. 306** *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”* DENNIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Sep 6)
Greeters/Ushers: Nancy Sharp, Linda Volcek

Serving Next Sunday (Sep 13)
Greeters/Ushers: Wanda Sampson, Ellen Watts

*Those who are able, please stand.