

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES		
Today (09/27)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
Monday (09/28)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due
	6:30p	Triad A Capella Connection
Wednesday (09/30)	9:00a	WW Meeting
Sunday (10/04)	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.

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

Save the Date! Market for All Seasons
October 24, 2026
8:00 a.m. until 12 noon

Veteran's Day Breakfast
November 14, 2026
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



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September 27, 2026—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us remember God's presence with us. Let us give ear to all that God would teach us.

All: Our ancestors have told us about God's might. They have celebrated God's wonderful deeds.

One: In the wilderness of Sinai, God provided water. Through the sea, God provided safe passage.

All: Yet the Israelites questioned God's presence. They needed assurance amid their doubts.

One: Our doubts can lead to honest searching. God welcomes questions that seek new truth.

All: We want to see God's larger picture. We are here to broaden the scope of our concern. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 697

"Take My Life" (verses 1-4)

HENDON

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We fear to approach you with our confession, holy God, for you may require changes in us that are costly. You ask us to have the mind of Christ, a mind free of pretense and self-interest. You challenge us to lay aside our advantages to go where you send us. We fear loss of security if we are obedient. It is hard to see ourselves as exploiters when we pursue advantages for our families. It is difficult to consider others when we feel like victims. We confess our need for you and our desire to find your purpose for us.

(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 accepts us in the midst of our struggles. There is encouragement in Christ, there is consolation from love, there is compassion, sympathy, and the opportunity to share in the Spirit. God blesses us as we gather in community, calling us to find our common mind in Christ Jesus. May we not only agree to do the work God places before us as a ministry of love, but let us do all we can to share our faith with a faithfulness stripped of pretense and conceit. 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 17:1-7

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

“A Choice to Make”

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADERS’ HYMN

*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

*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. 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Sep 27)

Greeters/Ushers: Linda Volcek, Lynda Self

Serving Next Sunday (Oct 04) — World Communion

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Linda Volcek
Element Prep: Wanda Sampson, Joanne Dramstad
Assisting Elders: Linda Volcek, Lynda Self, Dee Barham, Rich Tincher

*Those who are able, please stand.