

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES		
Today (10/11)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
Monday (10/12)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due
	6:30p	Triad A Capella Connection
	7:00p	Stated Session Meeting
Wednesday (10/14)	9:00a	WW Meeting
	600p	The Gathering
Sunday (10/18)	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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October 11, 2026—Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

The Gathering: Wednesday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. we will enjoy a Hawaiian Luau. Please register on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board. Deadline for registering is Monday, October 12, 2026.

Baked Goods: Baked items are needed for the Market for All Seasons!!! Please help by registering on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Your baked goods need to be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 23, between the hours of 9:00a. and 3:00p.

Save the Date! Pinecone Bird Feeders
Friday, October 16, 2026
9:30a to 11:30a

Market for All Seasons
Saturday, October 24, 2026
8:00 a.m. until 12 noon

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come away from the valleys of misplaced loyalty. Come seeking to meet the God of all worlds.

All: We have come to praise God and give thanks. We believe God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: We come together that our faith might be strengthened. We seek the strength to live by all we profess.

All: God's awesome deeds saved our ancestors. Surely God's steadfast love continues with us.

One: God continues to deliver in times of distress. God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: We rejoice that God is near and available to us. We hear God welcoming us to this time of prayer. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all mercy, you have planted within us a desire to observe justice and do righteousness. We want to be fair and honorable, delighting in life shared openly and honestly with family, friends, and co-workers. Instead, we are often defensive, fearful, and distracted. We spend more time with our toys than with your truth. We seek temporary thrills rather than lasting meaning. Then we are disappointed when our “golden calves” bring no fulfillment. We return to you, Loving God, intent on following the guidance we are receiving from you. Save us from ourselves.

(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: Rejoice, knowing that God is always near. Our thanksgiving and our supplications are always heard. The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Find joyous focus for life in all that is honorable, just, pure, and excellent. Know that your goodwill is pleasing to God. 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 32:1-14

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

“Wedding Invitations”

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

*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. 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Oct 11)

Greeters/Ushers: Dee Barham, Loretta Davies

Serving Next Sunday (Oct 18)

Greeters/Ushers: Dee Barham, Loretta Davies

*Those who are able, please stand.