



June 19, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.

**Welcome to  
Community.**

*We are glad you are here. While here we hope you will feel welcome and find the service meaningful.*

*Childcare (infants through 4 year olds) is available. Worship boxes for younger children to borrow during worship are located at the entrance.*

— **We Gather for Worship** —

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

— **We Become Still Before God** —

PRAYER OF PREPARATION – *(Prayer to offer up silently)*

Great and good God, give me an open heart that I may receive you,  
A humble heart that I may hear you,  
A heart of love that I may serve you,  
A heart of faith that I may live in you,  
A reverent heart that I may worship you.

— **We Are Called Into God's Presence** —

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Dearest Father, Abba, you are the Eternal Love that never fails. We praise you, for you are the perfect father who created every one of us in your image. Today, we give thanks for all who give their lives with a father's love. For the many times they have reflected strength, generosity, wisdom, sacrifice, and compassion that you exemplify in your relationship with us, we give thanks to you. We give thanks for those who do the hard work of balancing the demands of work, marriage, and raising a family, putting the needs of others above their own convenience and comfort. Lord, we are aware that fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fall short. May we extend to all the same grace that you have given to us. Please bring your healing and forgiveness where it is needed. We are grateful for all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, and coaches. Let us give thanks for those men who have "fathered" others in their role as mentor and guide. For all those for whom this day brings sadness or remembrance of great loss, bring your comfort and strength. Today, we give thanks to our earthly fathers, mentors, and father figures. May their love draw us ever nearer to you. Amen

\*OPENING HYMN

*This Is My Father's World*  
**This is my Father's world  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought**

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.

O let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:

why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!

God reigns; let the earth be glad!

## — We Confess —

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Holy God, we know we have fallen short and have not lived up to what you have called us to be. We turn our backs when we could embrace. We remain silent when we could speak. We speak when we could listen. We judge when we could seek understanding. We cling when we could give. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be. Help us to grow into the people you created us to be, so we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

RESPONSE TO THE CONFESSION

*Spirit of the Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

## — We Are Forgiven —

DECLARATION OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

*Once For All*

**We have been made holy, spotless, undefiled**

**By the blood of Jesus - Once for all.**

**We have been forgiven, we've been reconciled**

**By the blood of Jesus - Once for all.**

## — We Hear God's Word —

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION – *(to be sung together)*

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.**

**Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.**

**Cause your word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see.**

**Give me passion for your purity: Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

*In the presence of a forgiving God, We become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and ways we have hurt others. As you pray the prayer of confession; think how the words express specific sins in your life and the life of the church. We turn to God asking forgiveness.*

*Claim the truth that through God's grace and Christ giving of himself on the cross, we are forgiven. Let this truth set you free from your sins so you may be restored to God and one another.*

*All children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.*

READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD – Acts 2:42-47

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon

**Signs of a Faithful Church**

Rev. Rod Stone

## — We Believe —

\*A RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

Leader: In a world that is quick to condemn,

People: **We will proclaim “there is a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea.**

Leader: In a world that takes so much for granted,

People: **We will live our lives as a thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.**

Leader: In a world that cries out, “Be afraid!”

People: **We will listen to Jesus’ words, “Do not be afraid!”**

Leader: In a world that wants to hate the other,

People: **We will live Jesus’ call to, “Love God. and Love our neighbor,**

Leader: In a world that radicalizes,

People: **We will live a radical life; radical with hospitality, radical with our hope, radical with our love, radical with our witness.**

All: **We will strive to have our lives marked by love and forgiveness, and that the mercy and teaching of Christ will be our guide throughout our lives.**

## — We Offer Our Prayers —

SPECIAL MUSIC

*To Believe*

Matthew Evancho, arr. Sorenson

Before I lay me down to rest, I ask the Lord one small request.  
I know I have all I could need, but this prayer is not for me.  
Too many people on this day don’t have a peaceful place to stay.  
Let all fighting cease, that Your children may see peace;  
Wipe their tears of sorrow away.

Chorus: To believe in a day when hunger and war will pass away;  
To have the hope amidst despair that ev’ry sparrow’s counted,  
That You hear each cry and listen to each prayer.

Let me try always to believe that we can hear the heart that grieve.  
Please help us not ignore anguished cries of the poor,  
Or their pain will never leave. (Chorus twice)

Help us do Your will, oh, Father, in the name of all that’s true,  
And we’ll see in one another the loving image of You. 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.**

*The Scripture bears witness to the word of God. Listen beyond the human word for the Word of God. Pray that the Spirit will speak to you through the text.*

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.  
2 Timothy 3:16-17*

## — We Share Our Gifts —

*The giving of an offering  
not only supports the  
ministry of Christ  
but it is the symbolic  
dedication of our life  
and all that we have to  
give to God in response  
to his love. Remember  
that all things belong to  
God, and that we are  
entrusted to use all  
that we have to bring  
glory to God.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

FRIENDSHIP RECORD

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*We Are an Offering*

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands. We lift our lives up to you. We are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours.  
We are an offering. We are an offering.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SONG OF DEPARTURE

*Refiner's Fire*

**Purify my heart; let me be as gold and precious silver.  
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.**

**Chorus: Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
Is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.  
I choose to be holy, set apart for You my Master  
Ready to do Your will.**

**Purify my heart, cleanse me from within  
And make me holy. Purify my heart,  
Cleanser me from my sin, deep within. (Chorus)**

## — We Go Out to Be God's Presence in the World —

\*BENEDICTION

*As you leave this place and go into the world, remember that you are a child of God.  
You belong to God and are loved. Leave with confidence, love and compassion.*

THE POSTLUDE

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of Worship

\*Please stand if you are able.

Ushers: Jan Merritt, Mary Hall Koontz, Alan Tucker, Gail Kane  
Greeters: Sheila Van Dyke, Leslie Hosterman

*Our worship does  
not end at the  
conclusion of this  
service. We go forth  
to love and serve the  
LORD in daily living.  
In so doing, we seek to  
fulfill our mission to  
"love God and make  
God's love known".*

## — Community Happenings —

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

#### Monday

9:30 a.m. PEO – Fannie B. Gray Parlor  
5:30 p.m. Barbershop Board Meeting – Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting – Great room

#### Tuesday

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – Off Campus  
2:30 p.m. Women of the Pines Board Meeting – Conference Room  
3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting – Great room

#### Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Fannie B. Gray Parlor

#### Thursday

8:00 a.m. Meeting – Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Purls – Everette House

#### Saturday

8:30 a.m. Prayer Garden

### Worship Schedule

**June 19** ..... Fellowship Hall  
**June 26** ..... Sanctuary  
**July 3** ..... Fellowship Hall  
**July 10** ..... Sanctuary  
**July 17** ..... Sanctuary  
**July 24** ..... Fellowship Hall  
**July 31** ..... Fellowship Hall

### VBS Save the Date

**July 11-13 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.** VBS is back in person with a new twist! We were grateful to host online VBS the past couple of years but are overjoyed to be able to be all together again. This summer VBS will meet in the evenings. Families will have the chance to dine together from 5-5:30 p.m. (this include parents and caretakers, and siblings). Then the VBS participants will spend from 5:30-7:30 p.m. singing, playing games, creating and learning Bible stories. Registration and volunteer forms are available in the Welcome Center and office.

### Small Group Study

**A 6-Week Small Group Study on The Book of Acts will be Offered on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Fannie B Gray Parlor beginning June 22nd and running through July 27th.**

Using the book Acts: *Catching Up With The Spirit* by New Testament Professor and writer Matthew Skinner, we will explore six key themes found in the book of Acts that talk about who God is and how God has acted and continues to act through the spread of the good news about Jesus Christ. Through the class's study and conversations, we will examine how our own experiences of God, our witness, and the work of God's people (the church) can be influenced in light of our reading of Acts.

The book ACTS: *Catching Up With The Spirit* by Matthew Skinner may be purchased in the office for \$14 or may be ordered online at Amazon.com. A study guide will accompany the book.

### Little Extra Comfort

Pillows are available in the narthex for anyone that would like a little extra comfort while sitting in the pews.

## Finance Committee Report

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Here is the operating report for May 31, 2022. We are five months into our budget of \$896,572. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Carbrey, Finance chair at (843) 307-1614 or at mcarbrey@aol.com.

### YTD Operating Income/Expense Comparison Report as of May 31, 2022: CPC Finance Report 5/31/22

	Actual	Budget	
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>401,351</b>	<b>415,853</b>	<b>Short – \$14,502</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>323,451</b>	<b>373,572</b>	<b>Expenses are under – \$50,121</b>
<b>Income vs. Expenses</b>	<b>77,900</b>	<b>42,281</b>	<b>Income is above budget – \$35,620</b>

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