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July 12th, 2026

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 12th, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT “How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place”

Liam Lawton

(Congregation – Please join on the second time)

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, my God!
How lovely is your dwelling place, is your dwelling place, O God!*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (from Psalm 119:105-112)

Leader: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!
People: *God’s Word lights the way for us.*
Leader: God has promised to abide with us.
People: *So let us commit to walk in God’s ways.*
Leader: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.
People: *God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality. Yet we, who have been called “Beloved” by you, often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 407

“Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”

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.*

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 119:105-112, page 569

ANTHEM

Ruth E. Schram

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, page 13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Rev. Karen Allen

“Sow Seeds, Trust the Promise”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 35 of hymnbook

“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

William Jude

“Meditation on “Galilee”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of July 12th – July 19th

Today: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Rev. Karen Allen
 11:10 a.m. Covered dish luncheon in Honor of Marie & JD Monroe

Wednesday: 5:45 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Communion / Rev. David Dudley

Announcements

Please take a moment and welcome back Rev. Karen Allen as she brings forth the message this morning.

We have numerous "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Please continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month.

The office hours for the week of July 12th are as follows: Monday, July 13th the office will be closed but Sonya will be available remotely. July 14th – 16th, the office will be open from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The office will be closed on Friday, July 17th. Emails will be checked periodically.

On July 7th our own Sonya Potter has expanded her duties to include the role of Bookkeeper for FPC. Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Carol & Paul White.