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August 30th, 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

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30th, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

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!*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: *Let us Rejoice and be Glad in it.*

Leader: Great is the Lord and Worthy to be Praised.

People: *Alleluia!*

Leader: Let us worship the God of Justice and Righteousness.

People: *Praise the Lord of Peace, Alleluia!*

Leader: Let the Walls that divide us come tumbling down.

People: *Praise God for Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of Dreams and Dreamers, forgive us for being so casual with your revelation Knowledge. Instead of heeding your messages for our lives, we have visioned only big cars, huge houses and vacation escapes! Trying so hard to escape our poverty, we have missed your signs and symbols of authentic life. Forgive us of our sins. Help us to dream of better and different tomorrows. Help us to work diligently for justice. And help us to act justly in all of our dealings. In the name of the Vision of Hope, 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 # 310

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 5:13-14, Page 4

ANTHEM

Healy Willan

“Rise, Crowned with Light”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 14:34-35, Page 78

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Allen McLean

“Are We Worth the Salt”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

J. S. Bach

“Mediation on Liebster Jesu”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of August 30th – September 6th

Sunday:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Allen McLean
Tuesday:	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting
	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday:		Distribute Church Mouse Newsletter
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday:	7:30 a.m.	Robbin's Food Bank
Sunday:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal / Rev. Dr. Tom Currie

Announcements

Please take a moment and welcome Rev. Allen McLean. Rev. Mclean is currently a Safety director for Lee Brick & Tile Company in Sanford. Rev. McLean is a retired Battalion Commander for the Sanford Fire Department, after 30 years of service and attended Central Carolina Community College in Sanford. Rev. McLean has a Fire College Diploma as well as MESH and Advanced MESH (Manager of Environmental Safety and Health) from The Department of Labor, N.C State University Industrial Extension Service, Safety and Health Council of North Carolina. He attended Coastal Carolina Presbytery QRE School for two years in Elizabeth Town, N.C and completed his Pastoral QRE training. Rev. McLean resides in Sanford and is married to Cornelia Mclean.

The Pastoral Search Committee is working diligently to obtain feedback from our church family that will guide us in searching for a new Pastor. We invite every member of our church family to complete the Congregational Survey (Please use this link to access survey) <https://forms.gle/KACZEtmUGXBPeKYT7>. Your thoughtful input will help us identify key leadership priorities and understand our shared vision for local community ministry. If you prefer not to do the electronic survey, you may print the survey and mail it to the church office or drop it in the collection plate. Please contact Dale Buie with any questions.

Our One Call Communications list is being updated. Please review the One Call sign-up sheet that is located in the lower narthex and the church office. If you are on the one call list, if you want to be removed from the One Call list, or if you want to be added to the One Call list, please confirm your information by filling out the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Sonya at the church office.

The flowers in the church are given in the Glory of God by Kathryn & Dale Buie.