

Coming up!



- September 3 *9:30 Traditional and 11:00 Contemporary worship schedules
4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED due to Labor Day
5 *7:00 Alleluia Ringer rehearsal
6 *7:00 pm Chancel choir resumes
7 *7:00 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal
10 10:00 am Fall Kickoff Sunday, combined worship service, Blessing of the Backpacks,
Food For All Food Drive (1 week) benefits FoodBank of Southeastern Virginia &
House of Blessing
1:00 GriefShare, Rm 240, and DivorceCare, Rm 230
12 7:00 pm Alleluia Ringer rehearsal
13 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
14 6:30 pm PW's Novel Ideas Book Discussion, Rm 260
19 12:00 pm—5:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
22 11:00 pm Seasoned Saints luncheon and IPT congregational meeting
24 12:00 pm—2:00 pm "Instruments of Peace" Barbecue Fundraiser

*Denotes weekly meetings unless otherwise listed.

WELCOME! If you are visiting with us this morning, we are glad you are here! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for a special gift and to learn more about our wonderful church!



REMINDER: Today is Food Pantry Sunday. Please place non-perishables and non-breakables in the bin across from the Wisdom Well.

GET YOUR TICKETS \$11! Tickets go on sale today, for the "Instruments of Peace" Singing Mission Trip Barbecue/Fried Chicken fundraiser, September 24, 12:00 - 2:00 pm. For the LOW price of \$11 you get all of this: Nixon's Famous Barbecue, Fried Chicken, Potatoes, Green Beans and Hush Puppies! Just drive through and pickup your food on the 24th! YUMMY!

FOOD FOR ALL food drive kicks off September 10, one week only. Benefits the FoodBank of Southeastern Virginia and the House of Blessing. MOST WANTED list on the church website .

FALL KICKOFF, SEPTEMBER 10! Mark your calendars for our fun fall kickoff event. **We will have one combined service at 10:00 am** followed by a picnic. We will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and drinks, plus fun for the whole family! Who would you like to see **DUNKED** in a dunking booth? Please sign up at the information desk to bring a salad, side dish or dessert! We need **GRILLS** & help to grill burgers and hotdogs and **POPUP TENT(S)**. **HELP! Call the church office.**

GIVING is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at www.gbpres.org. You may also give securely by texting, (833)-965-0647, or by scanning the QR code :



The **INTERIM PROCESS TEAM** wants YOU to take part in the discernment process for our new pastor. Sign up on line to participate in a group meeting in September or email: ipt@gbpc.org

Check our website for updates: <https://www.gbpres.org>

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

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"Sharing Christ's love, equipping God's people" Founded in 1964



9:30 am Worship
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome! We are glad you are here!

**Please stand in body or in spirit as you are able.*

Prelude Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. Mary McDonald
Monica Flitton, piano, Cheryl Madison, organ

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Praise** No. 14 For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

***Call to Confession** Lee Anne Lamkin, liturgist
Matthew tells us not to store up riches for ourselves here on earth but rather to store up riches in heaven. We fail to live a life pleasing to God when we center our lives around earthly possessions that are temporary. God calls us to center our lives around things of lasting value, those things that glorify God. Let us confess our failings, first in silent prayer.

***Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**
Lord, we confess that we have stored up treasures on earth, placing our trust in our possessions and our money. We often make work into our master and fail to take time to rest, to fellowship with others and to worship. At other times we half-heartedly tend to our responsibilities rather than doing them with our whole heart. We get overwhelmed by worry and stress failing to trust you. Oftentimes we forget to be a light to the world and find ourselves complaining and grumbling. Forgive us Lord, and help us to store up treasures in heaven. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**
Christ does not abandon us, even when we fail. Christ died for us, was raised for us, and loves us still. This is the good news that prevails!

***In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

***Response *Response** No. 447 We are Forgiven Hal H. Hopson
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

***Passing the Peace**
(When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity. When we pass the peace, we practice God's shalom.)

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Words to the Children Joy Rowe, Director of Children's Ministry

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)
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.

***Offertory** Children of the Heavenly Father Swedish Folk Melody

***Doxology** No. 606 OLD HUNDREDTH
*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** (Congregation will be seated following the prayer.)

Scripture Psalm 102:25-28, OT, pg. 554 Lee Anne Lamkin, liturgist

Solo Great is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS
Darrell Bennett, bass

Scripture Matthew 19:13-15, NT, pg. 21 Rev. Dr. Robert Gustafson

Sermon "The Hard Hat and the Human Hand" Rev. Dr. Robert Gustafson

***Closing Hymn** No. 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

Charge and Benediction

***Benediction Response** No. 587 Alleluia CELTIC ALLELUIA

Postlude "Postlude on FAITHFULNESS" arr. Tim Doran

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We welcome Rev. Dr. Robert Gustafson as our guest minister while Pastor Lou is away completing some interim training. Dr. Gustafson received his doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary, and has a great interest in Dead Sea Scroll research. He has served parishes in the PCUSA and in the United Church of Christ in Massachusetts, Delaware, Maine and Virginia. Dr. Gustafson has also served as a Hospice Chaplain and has taught and done research in various hospice settings both here and in England, Scotland and Ireland. He served as Professor of Sociology and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Studies at Bangor Theological Seminary prior to moving to Williamsburg. We welcome Dr. Gustafson and his wife, Linda, to our worship services today.