

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ACTIVE OFFICERS AND CHURCH FAMILY!

We are now taking orders for the 2026-2027 Presbyterian Planning Calendars until July 24. Each calendar is priced at \$10.75. If you would like to order one, kindly write your name on the sign-up sheet found on the bulletin board across from the secretary's office or contact Barbara Carr. **Payments will be due when the calendars arrive in August.** Please remember that **your order must be submitted by the deadline of July 24.**

Nourish Up: 704-596-4584 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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Don't forget your Per Capita of \$30.00 for 2026.

Ladies, the deadline for Presbyterian Women dues of \$60.00 is "long overdue," you may give the balance of your commitment to your Circle Leader.



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If you are visiting with us today and would like to give *Gifts and Offering*, you may use your telephone and the QR Code listed above. The QR Code can be scanned from this bulletin and/or the Church Website

**Note: AA - African American Heritage Hymnal (Beige)
BB - The Presbyterian Hymnal**

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We Gather

**Prelude:

**Announcements & Welcome:

Lighting of Candles:

**Introit: “The Lord Is In His Holy Temple” 627 AA

*Call to Worship:

L: Let us worship the covenant God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who calls us by grace and is faithful to all his promises.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Speak, Lord, by your Word and Spirit, and make us good soil for the gospel.

All: To God alone be glory. Let us worship the Lord.

*Centering Prayer:

**Opening Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” 120 AA

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have too often despised your holy gifts and sought the satisfaction of passing desires. We have traded the riches of your promise for what cannot endure. Your Word has come to us, yet our hearts have been hardened by sin, shallow in faith, and crowded by the cares of this world. Forgive us, O Lord. By your Holy Spirit, break up the soil of our hearts, plant your gospel deeply within us, and make us fruitful in repentance, faith, and obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, God has shown mercy to sinners, forgiven our transgressions, and planted within us the living Word of grace. All who trust in Christ is forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace:

**Special Selection: “So Many Reasons To Rejoice”

*Please stand if you are able.
**Worshippers may enter or exit.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, by your Holy Spirit open your Word to us, and open us to your Word. Give us ears to hear, hearts to understand, and faith to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ, that your truth may take root in us and bear fruit to your glory. Amen.

Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34
Jackie Wall, Liturgist

Sermon: "Protect the Seed, Preserve the Promise"
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Gary S. Blackmon, Pastor

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 175 AA

Prayers of the People

Choral Response: “Teach Me How To Love You”

*Affirmation of Faith (Please stand):

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.

Tithes and Offerings: “You Can’t Beat God Giving” 671 AA

*Doxology: “Gloria Patri” 654 AA

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

*Celebration Song: “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” 508 AA

*Charge and Benediction:

Extinguishing of the Candles:

Postlude: