


<p><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u> <u>Alcolyte:</u> Jacob Houston <u>Cross Bearer:</u> Jerry Mallonee <u>Elder(s) of the Month:</u> Shuford Abernethy & Jerry Mallonee <u>Nursery Attendant:</u> Sonya Starnes</p>	<p><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u></p> <p><u>Liturgist:</u> Linda Hill <u>Lay Reader:</u> Todd Dickerson <u>Flower Calendar:</u> Shirley Poovey</p>
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Flowers By Lester Lane
4932 Macedonia Church Rd—Vale, NC 28168
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*To ensure your flowers are delivered by Sunday, Lester Lane asks that you give him plenty of time to get your vases together. He requests that calls be made by **TUESDAY** of the week that you have flowers. Tamara will try to get reminders out as soon as possible during the week. Thank you for your help in this matter.*

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022—10:30 A.M.

**Designates "Those who are able please stand."*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE Marty Light, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pat Bowers, Liturgist
We've come to worship God—who loved us before we were born, who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love never ceases—this is our God. Let us worship together!

***HYMN** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* #319 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Responsively)* Pat Bowers, Liturgist
All-knowing God, we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who You are and for all you have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves—all our thoughts and actions—and yet You love us. No matter where we go or what we do, your love encircles us—gently leading and guiding and blessing.
May your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with your Word, and guide us to paths that lead to life abundantly. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***PIANO INTROIT** Marty Light

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Peggy Stout
Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our anxious thoughts. Point out anything in us that offends You, and guide us on the road to life.

(Please pray silently as Marty Light plays on the piano "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying," and then join me in praying 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



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 139:1-10, 13-16

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. ²You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. ⁵You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. ⁷Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' ³¹"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

Our Consistory Meeting has been postponed until next Sunday.

The Church Office will be CLOSED TOMORROW for Labor Day.

We hope you all have a safe and happy Labor Day!



The Singles Group will have their next meeting on Tuesday, September 6th. Please meet at the church at 4:30pm to carpool OR at the restaurant at 5:00pm We will be traveling to Showmars' in Denver, NC for dinner. Showmars' offers gyros, pita burgers, fresh salads, "the World's Best Fish Sandwich," and more! Average cost: \$15-\$20. (7260 Hwy 73, Ste 119—Denver, NC 28037).

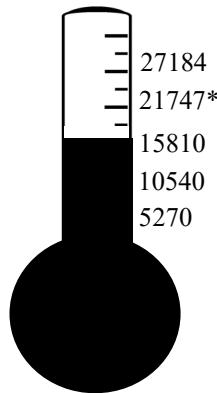
Rev. Peggy will be away on vacation on Sunday, September 11th and Rev. Sandi Hood will be here to preach in her absence. Rev. Hood serves as the Director of Community Outreach for Carolina Caring. Prior to joining Carolina Caring, she served as an Associate Pastor at Viewmont Baptist Church in Hickory. She believes in giving back to the community and was previously an Adjunct Chaplain for Catawba Valley Medical Center, Associate Chaplain for Frye Regional Medical Center, Board of Ministers member for Gardner Webb University, and board member for the Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry. Rev. Hood is married to local attorney, David Hood. They have two children, Callie and Wilson.
Please support her with your prayers and your presence.

Throughout the month of September, we will be collecting School Supplies for Snow Creek Elementary School. Donations may be placed in the box outside of the church office or in the Sanctuary foyer.

We are looking for things like:
#2 Pencils, Notebook Paper, Spiral Notebooks,
Pencil Boxes, Children's Scissors, Crayons,
Glue Sticks, etc.

Thank you for your help!





<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST</u>				
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Livestream	Envelope Giving
August 07	74	13	—	\$ 5,169.00
August 14	70	14	38	\$ 2,552.50
August 21	85	18	48	\$ 4,290.50
August 28	78	18	34	\$ 2,464.50
TOTALS	307	63	120	\$ 14,476.50

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747* and for a five week month is \$27,184.

This Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
10:30am—YouTube Live Stream

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5—Labor Day

Preschool & Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00am—Preschool in Session
4:30pm—Singles Outing (Denver)
7:00pm—Board of Christian Ed Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00am—Preschool in Session
7:00pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00am—Preschool in Session
9:30am—Hugs & Stitches Ministry
6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00am—Preschool in Session

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
(with Rev. Sandi Hood)
10:30am—YouTube Live Stream
11:30am—Consistory Meeting

FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 18th

Sunday School & Traditional Worship
PLUS: Baked Potato/Salad Bar Luncheon,
Balloon Animals, and More!
More details forthcoming...



and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be your people in the world.

Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostle's Creed*)

Addyson Lingle

Let us confess the faith of our baptism:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Kathy Alexander

Offertory

*Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#560 Blue Book

*BENEDICTION AND COMMISSION (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

May you go from this place of worship to walk with Christ in your hearts and minds. ***We go now to bless and serve others in the love of God, with the mercy and compassion of Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE

Marty Light

THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given
in Love and to the Glory of God.

