

Welcome to Worship at Holy Comforter

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2014

GATHERING SONG: *Shout to the Lord* All Sing



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *Surely the Presence* Solo

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)

Kneel/sit – silence for personal reflection

Lord, Your Word says that love is patient and kind.

But we confess the times we have been impatient and unkind.

*Your Word tells us that love does not envy, that it does not boast,
and that it is not proud.*

But we confess that at times we have been envious, boastful, and proud.

Your Word says that love is not rude, and that it is not self-seeking,

**But we confess that in many ways we have been inconsiderate of
those around us, thinking only of ourselves.**

*Your Word tells us that love is not easily angered, and that it keeps
no record of wrongs.*

**But we confess how quickly we fly off the handle, and how
carefully we keep score when we have been wronged.**

*Your Word says that love does not delight in evil but rejoices in
the truth; that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres.*

**Help us, Lord, not to take pleasure in what is evil, but to always
rejoice in the truth. Protect us with Your love, Lord,
knowing that love never fails, and that You never fail. Amen.**

HYMN: *Jesus Love Me* All Sing

Jesus loves me! He who died; heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Friends, here's the really Good News: Yes, Jesus loves me! And, yes, Jesus loves you!
Our sins are washed away. Come in little child; come in and be forgiven.

AMEN.

ENTRANCE SONG: *This Little Light of Mine* All Stand & Sing

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine it all around, I'm gonna let it shine;
Shine it all around, I'm gonna let it shine;
Shine it all around, I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; the love of God Who shelters us and cares for us; and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

LITANY AND SONG OF PRAISE

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!

YES! SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

Harp, lute and cello! Keyboard and choir! Sing to the Lord a new song!

YES! SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

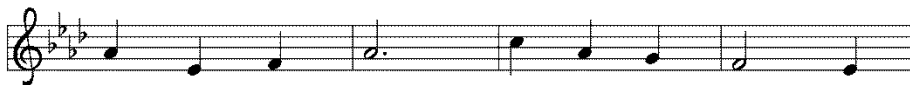
Family of faith at HolyC! People in Belmont & over this region!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

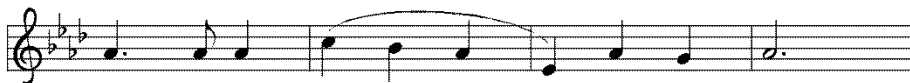
YES! SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

BECAUSE GOD HAS DONE MARVELOUS THINGS!

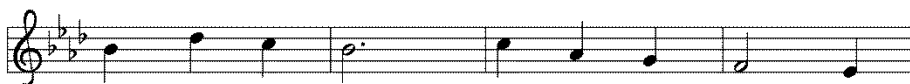
SING: Earth and All Stars All Sing



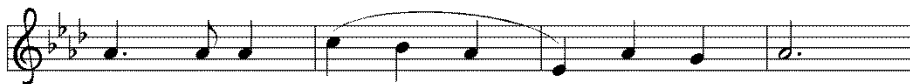
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound-ing wis - dom!



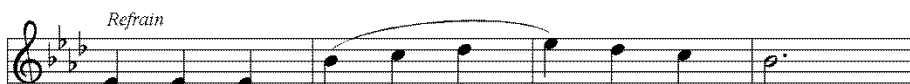
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Daugh-ter and son! Loud pray-ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children remain in the sanctuary. No Children's church this Sunday.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:11–13

A reading from the twenty-ninth chapter of Jeremiah.

¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12–25

A reading from the eighth chapter of Romans.

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very

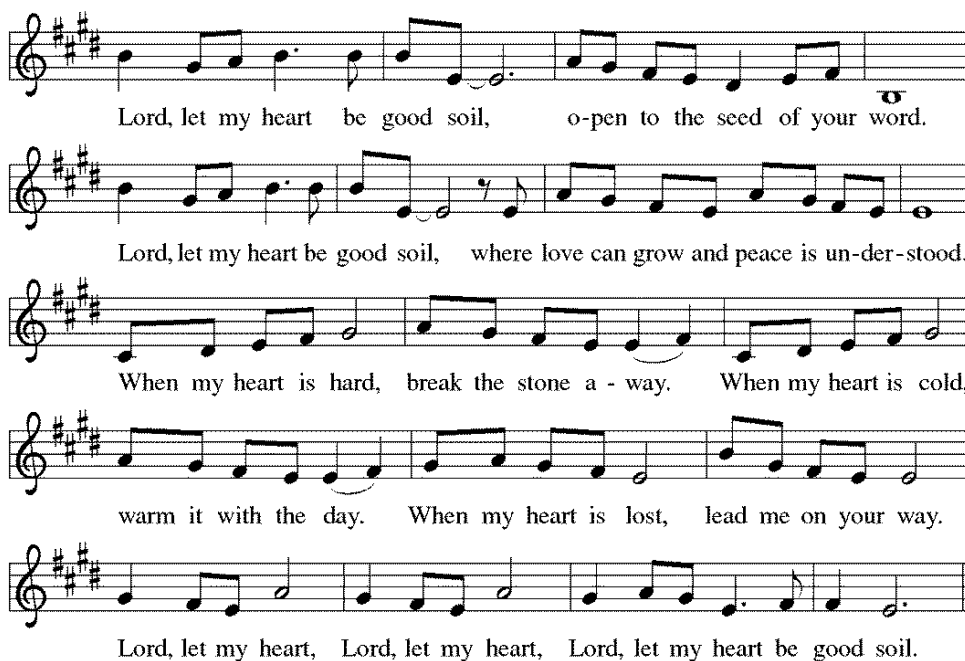
Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way, When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Twelve Harvest Hands

10¹⁻⁴ The prayer was no sooner prayed than it was answered. Jesus called twelve of his followers and sent them into the ripe fields. He gave them power to kick out the evil spirits and to tenderly care for the bruised and hurt lives. This is the list of the twelve he sent: Simon (they called him Peter, or “Rock”), Andrew, his brother, James, Zebedee’s son, John, his brother, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, the tax man, James, son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, the Canaanite, Judas Iscariot (who later turned on him).

5-8 Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge: “Don’t begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don’t try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.

40 “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE: “*HolyC ... Ministering Faithfully*” Pastor John
(Sermon Notes pages 18-19)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Give Thanks* All Stand & Sing

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

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APOSTLES CREED

**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 seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

* catholic with a small "c" refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus in praying for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Lord of the harvest, sow the seeds of your word throughout the world, that all your children grow into your kingdom. Use our hands to tend your garden, wherever it may be.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Send the summer winds to bring much-needed rain and blow the hope of what is unseen through your creation, that it be set free from decay to bear good fruit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of all nations, guide our leaders with your strength and wisdom as they search for common ground. Through your mercy show them the way to justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Listen to the cries of your people waiting patiently for your healing hand and comforting Spirit. Ease the sufferings of this present time and fill us with hope. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Teach your way, O Lord, to our congregation. Help us walk in your truth, grow together in your word, mirror your patience, treat one another with kindness, and sing your praises with undivided hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, you are the first and the last, gathering all those who have gone before us into one. Thank you for your steadfast love and for their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

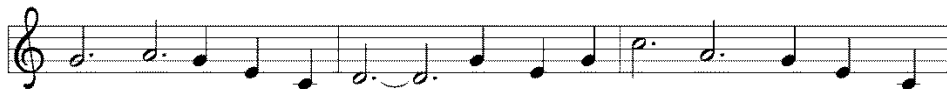
OFFERING: *Blessing* Church Choir

OFFERING RESPONSE: *Praise & Thanksgiving* Stand & Sing



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things

4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the

fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hav from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.

hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

'Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all

in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

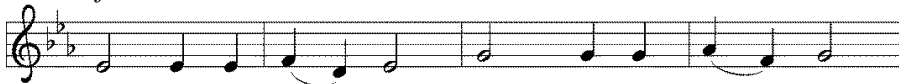
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

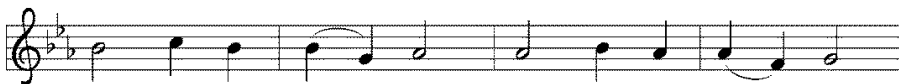
HYMN: *Beautiful Savior*. Stand & Sing



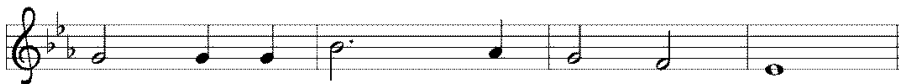
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!



Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

P Indeed, a beautiful Savior You are, Lord. Glory, honor, praise & adoration.
 C Now and forever more be thine!

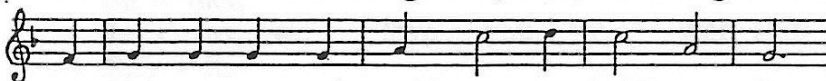
SONG OF CONSECRATION



Pastor 1 The night of His be-tray-al, our Lord took bread.

Pastor 2 And then He took the chal-ice and raised it high.

All 3 We share this food to-geth-er, re-mem-b'ring Christ.



He broke it as He blest it, and then He said,
 "My blood is giv - en for you, a full sup - ply ...
 we share a com - mon trea - sure and know the price;



"My bo - dy bro - ken for you ... is what this means;
 a cov - en - ant, a pro - mise ... a cleans - ing stream
 we share it with - out meas - ure ... a gift of love.



re - mem - ber now my child - ren what you have seen!"
 re - mem - ber now my child - ren what you have seen!"
 we share our life for - ev - er, with God a - bove!"

LORD'S PRAYER

SONGS DURING COMMUNION: *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether* All Sing

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er,
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.
 Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958
 Text from *Songs of Praise* Enlarged Edition, © Oxford University Press 1931.
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May God the sower make you good and fertile soil. May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions. May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives. God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

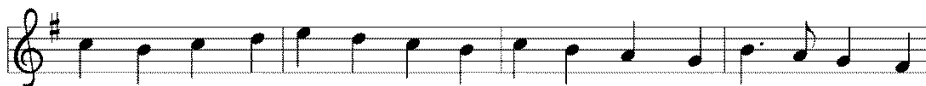
CLOSING SONG: *Go My Children*..... All Stand & Sing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN are welcome in worship. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance finding it.

KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer list, please fill out a form from the prayer book or online at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Richard, Cheryl & Dylan Fox and Rita Stewart in honor of Garrett's 13th birthday.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. ***Greg Byrum, Worship & Music***

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, July 13, 2014:

Attendance: 146

Budget Report

July 13, 2014

Current Offering Received 7/13/14	\$ 3,963.01
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 4,504.60
Offering, YTD	\$115,719.24
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 5,932.36
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	(\$ 9,755.36)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr. + Beth Brittain

GREETERS: Lyn Miller,
Becky Richards

ACOLYTES: Becca Gatlin, Matthew Carr

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am)
Need Volunteers

CRUCIFERS: Cody Koehler, Gage Gatlin

SOLOIST: Don Robinson

TELLERS: Jerri & Mike Wesson

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USHERS: Need Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2)

Louise Day, Co-Captain Donna Bean
Brenda Daly, Co-Captain Becky Richards
Nancy Powell

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A)

Cynthia Buchanan Shelia Kelly
Jo Singleton Jack Tench

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, July 20

9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:10 am Choir meets in choir room
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**
3:00 pm *Wrap-Arounds* in church parlor
3:45 pm **HCY & Kids' Club** meet to go to
Knights Game (Return by 8:30 pm)
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesday, July 22

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

Sunday, July 27

9:30 am Adult S. School
10:10 am Choir meets
10:30 am The Service
4:00 pm **Ordination/Installation**
for Pastor Micah

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: July 20-26

Today, July 20 Garrett Fox
Brian Mitchell
July 21 John Crist
Ashton Nault
Caroline Nault



July 22 Melissa Bocchino
July 24 Cathleen Allen
July 26 Emilie Bruchon
Bryant Deaton



July 31 is Zac's Day at the Grizzlies game. Sign-up sheet for tickets is available from **Tom Bocchino**. Tickets are **\$6 each**. Since Zac has completed all his treatments, the Hullanders are donating the proceeds to the *Heather Mauney Yount Memorial Playground*.

**Join us for a reception for Pastor John
after the worship service.**



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin
Scott Caldwell
Virginia Crump
Brenda Dabrowski
Daniel Dowd
Cher Grant

Ferrie Hedrick
Richard Holden
Zac Hullander
Betty King Family
John Kreitzer
Chase Lineberger

Roger Norris Family
Mabel Ratchford
Mark Reese
Bob Williams

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Harriett Ange
Kathy Beam
Dale Burris
Ronnie Hagy
Brian Hedrick
Kathy Helton
Betty Fox
Claudia Frazier
Donald Freeman
Ronnie Hersey
Dennis Jordan
Wesley Jordan & Family
Betty Kannapel

Marshall Kinley
Becky Knick
Alice Langley
Laura Lanuto & Family
Pierce Lee
Peggy McKenney & Family
Carolyn Moss
Grady Nichols
Sandra Nix
Jean Peters
Leland "Lee" Peterson
Scott Phillips
Steve Pletsas

Taylor Propst & Family
David Prouty
Mara Rappleyea
Earl Riedley
Steve Sanford
Megan Sigler
Ramona J. Sinclair
Jimmy Surratt
Buck Weatherford
Beverly F. Wall
Gloria Ward
Bryan Wayburn

OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek

Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer



Jeremy Shaver

OUR MISSIONARIES

Austin & Tanya Propst (Young Adults in Global Mission)

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please let Trudy Whitener know or tell Dianne in the church office.

The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and concern shown to
Bob Williams during his illness. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Bob & Deb Williams

“HolyC ... Ministering Faithfully” + Sermon Notes

Characteristics of Vital Congregations:

*From the Youth & Family Institute, Augsburg College
(Now “Vibrant Faith Ministries”)*

H.O.L.Y.C. Acrostic ...

Hospitality – genuine & welcoming!

“Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won't lose out on a thing.”

(Today's Gospel: Matthew 10:42 from The Message)

Ohhh...the Good News of Jesus!

“God is so good that He only awaits our desire to overwhelm us with the gift of Himself. If we feed ourselves with Jesus Christ and His Word, we shall be like a vessel in full sail with a fair wind.”

(Francois Fenelon from Christian Perfection)

Lay Ministers – equipping for mission & ministry!

“Right relationships with God are far more important than buildings, budgets, programs, methods, Church personnel, size or anything else.”

(Henry Blackaby from Experiencing God)

Yeah for worship & music!

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.”

(John 4:23 from Today's NIV) or “It's who you are and the way you live that count before God.”

(The Message)

Children, youth & family ministries are valued!

“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes a humble place—becoming like this child—is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes Me.”

(Matthew 18:3-5 from Today's NIV)

“All who are led by the Spirit are children of God!”

(Today's 2nd Reading: Romans 8:14 from NRSV)

“Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.”

(John Fitzgerald Kennedy)

From The Service of Installation (next Sunday at 4:00 pm!)

Question of Pastor Micah: “Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God’s people, nourish them with the Word and Sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living? (And **his** answer?!!)

Question of the members of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter (that would be you!): Will you receive Pastor Micah as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God? Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work’s sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ? (And **your** answer?!!)

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“The One who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.”
(Philippians 1:6 from NRSV)



THE CONGREGATION OF
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IS CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF
DOUGLAS MICAH KEARNEY
SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014
4 O’CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

BISHOP BOLICK OF THE ELCA NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD
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RECEPTION FOLLOWS THE SERVICE

Blast Off VBS Take TWO! Here is the revised VBS Plan: We will have **VBS** on two Sunday afternoons in August...**August 10 and August 17**. We will meet from 2:30-4:30ish each of these afternoons. **Rally Day** for the new Sunday School year will be on **Sunday, August 24** and we will use some of the closing activities from VBS to begin the Rally Day activities.

I need teacher and helpers for each afternoon of VBS...I need story tellers, craft leaders, game players and small group helpers. In addition, I need help with the opening and closing for each Sunday.

Please contact me ASAP if you are willing to help. So far, Sherry Alexander has volunteered to work with the preschool group and Molly Caldwell has agreed to be a helper. Contact me via email at revbethbreittain@gmail.com or by phone 704-956-1203.

The leaders' meeting on Sunday, August 3 during the Sunday School hour in the parlor. Thanks for your prayerful consideration of this part of Children's ministry.

Beth Brittain, Christian Education

Heather Mauney Yount Memorial Playground Project



The playground, built on our church grounds, will be a commercial structure designed for 2-12 year-olds. Half of the \$36,000 cost has already been raised by the generous contributions from family, congregation members at the time of Heather's passing and anonymous donors.

We need your help to raise the \$18,000 in order to complete this project.

Please join us in making the playground a reality by indication on your check memo line or offering envelope: *Playground Project*.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm