

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE PASSING OF PEACE

THE GATHERING HYMN 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*
Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for God who answers prayer; O how blessed is this place, filled with solace light, and grace.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us come into His presence with thanksgiving.

**Congregants: Let us make a joyful noise
with songs of praise, for the Lord is a great God.**

Minister: In His hands are the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the mountains are also His.

**Congregants: The seas are His, for He made them,
and the dry land as well, which His hands formed.**

Minister: O come, let us worship our God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Through the storms of life, O God,
You are always present with Your people.**

**In the person of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
You assure us that You are with us today,
in this time and in this place.**

**Calm the fears and anxieties we bring,
strengthen our weaknesses and our faithfulness,
give the hope and the joy of Your Word,
and let Your praise flow forth from our lips,
for it is in Your holy Name that we pray.
Amen.**

* HYMN 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Eternal and merciful God,
You have loved us with a love beyond understanding.
You have set us on paths of righteousness**

**and we give thanks that You forgive us yet again.
Help us once more to rise to new life in Christ,
Serving You and Your world however You call to us.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

Friends, this is the good news,
in which we live and have our very being.
In Jesus Christ, God has forgiven us,
and we are made new before His throne,
to serve Him and magnify His name.
Praise be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without en
Amen, amen.**

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Ephesians 4:1-6

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility a gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the common hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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 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.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 16:13-23

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

Acolyte
Mia Esworthy, Maggie Graybill

OUR SERMON SERIES ENTITLED “CREDO: WHAT WE BELIEVE” is based on the essential tenets of the Apostle’s Creed and continues for several weeks. The sermons will focus on the basic beliefs found in our common statement of faith. Come join us each week as together we explore and learn more of our Christian doctrine.

Announcements

Ushers for August 20, 2017 – Stan Lanford, Dave Snider

New address for Chloe Lockard: Chloe Lockard 990 N. Royal St. Alexandria, Va. 22314

Our Summer Worship Service will begin at 10:30 AM, starting on June 4th and continue through August 31st, No Sunday School classes during these months.

Our Homecoming/75th anniversary celebration is drawing near. We still need pictures from you from past activities at the church. Only two persons have loaned us pictures. We want this to be a wonderful celebration for our members and guests. In addition, if you have anyone you want to invite to the celebration, we need those names and addresses also. The deadline for sharing the names and addresses is August 23rd. The invitations will be mailed shortly after this date. If you have any pictures, name and addresses, please get them to Judy Ferrell by August 23rd. Name and addresses can be emailed to ferrells6@cox.net. You can leave the pictures in an envelope in the church office. Please put your name on the back of the picture so we can get them back to you. Please mark October 1 on your calendar for this celebration that God has blessed us with.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help provide transportation to church each Sunday for some of our members who could not otherwise attend. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the Minister.

"Devotional booklets and daily scripture reading guides can be found in the hallway outside the fellowship hall in the new wall racks and on the table. Current and past copies of devotional booklets including, *These Days* and *The Upper Room* are available. Please help yourself to any of these excellent publications."

The 2017 Flower Calendar has been placed on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

Calendar

Today	10:30 am	Summer Worship
Monday	6:00 pm	C.E. Committee Meeting
Next Sunday	10:30 am	Summer Worship

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Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Bobby Brammer	Kara Moretz Campbell	Eloise Dunagan
Michael Hambrick	Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle
Lois Hopkins	Rose Howard	Atwood Huff
Mary Ann Huff	Jim Maile	Jace Newman
Mac Pace	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
Ruth St. Cyr	Frances Stevens	George Wingeier
Shirley Wynn		

Friends and Family

Hayley Gutherie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Gutherie)
Jenny Kirk and her sister-in-law
Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)

*THE SESSION *

Clerk of Session: Holly Widdowson
Class of 2017: Lynn Kirby, Judy Ferrell, Matt Graybill, Bob Newman, Dave Snider
Class of 2018: Dana Esworthy, Barry Ferrell, Jyke Jones, Stan Lanford, Ann Pace

