

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2019

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## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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*(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRELUDE

*O Christ the Same*  
Cathy Seib Snell, soprano

Irish trad., Londonderry Air

*O Christ the same, through all our story's pages our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;*

*Eternal Lord, the king of all the ages, unchanging still amid the passing years:*

*O loving Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;*

*O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.*

*O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain;*

*Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:*

*O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrow, for all our hope when earth shall fade and flee;*

*O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 33:20-22)

Mary Berry

Leader: Our souls wait for you, O Lord, our help and shield.

People: **Our hearts are glad in you because we trust in your holy name.**

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us.

People: **Even as we hope in you.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*St. Anne*

\*CONFESSION OF SIN *(remain standing)*

Mary Berry

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God, we have hurt others, and we have been hurt.

*A moment of silence.*

People: **We have presumed upon others, and we have been presumed upon.**

*A moment of silence.*

Leader: We have taken others for granted and we have been taken for granted.

*A moment of silence.*

People: **We have dishonored others, and we have been dishonored.**

*A moment of silence.*

Leader: As we receive your forgiveness for our wrongs,

*A moment of silence.*

People: **We extend forgiveness to others who have wronged us.**

*A moment of silence.*

All: **Have mercy upon us all.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of hope, by faith we know that you created the world, and that what is seen is made by things that are not visible. Open our eyes to your presence among us, that we may hear your word with clarity and a sureness of hope, as we follow you in all righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

(Pew Bible, NT Page 225)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 12:32-40

(Pew Bible, NT Page 75)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

*“Where Is Your Treasure?”*

Sam Miglarese

*(A moment for meditation.)*

**\*HYMN NO. 830**

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

*Jesu Meine Freude*

**WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS: JORDAN AND ELIZABETH JONES**

Marilyn Hedgpeth, Sam Miglarese

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

John Weicher

Leader: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

People: **The conviction of things not seen.**

*(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)*

**... 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.**

*(Children through first grade are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during “The Peace” and sit on the floor for “A Time with the Children.”  
Their parents or older siblings are invited to join them on the front pew.)*

**THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All: **Christ, you wept over a city. We are in deep despair. As we weep over the dead and injured killed by guns, in anguish, we recognize the blood stains of hatred. We hear the sounds of fear, the echoes of gunshots – once again, one again.**

**Christ, you came to bring peace. We turn to you in overwhelming sorrow. How can we end this nightmare of violence? How can we build a world of inclusion, of solidarity? Give us the grace to reflect deeply and to work ceaselessly to heal the hearts; to stop the guns; to cherish all God’s children.**

**Christ, you endured violent suffering to bring us light. We pray for the dead, may they rest in peace. We pray for the wounded, may they find healing. We pray for our nation, may we end the hate. We pray for our global family, may we learn we are one. Amen.**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR MAX AUSTIN JONES

Marilyn Hedgpeth, Cheryl Henry

**Words of Scripture**

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Max Austin Jones to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Questions to the Parents:**

Pastor: Jordan and Elizabeth, do you desire that your child be baptized?  
Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?  
Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace?  
Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith  
and to teach that faith to your child?

Parents: **We do.**

**Questions to the gathered Children:**

Pastor: Do you promise to be a friend to Max?  
If he gets lost will you help him find the way?  
If he falls down, will you help pick him up?  
Will you share with him the stories of Jesus?

Children: **Yes.**

**Question to the Congregation:**

Elder: Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Max by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

Congregation: **We do.**

*(As you are able, please stand.)*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *(in unison)*

*The Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

*(You may be seated.)*

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

Cheryl Henry

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray. We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life. We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism: in it we are buried with Christ in his death; from it we are raised to share in his resurrection; through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of rebirth. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Max that he may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

<b>Baptism</b>		Marilyn Hedgpeth
<b>Anointing</b>		Cheryl Henry
<b>Introduction</b>		Marilyn Hedgpeth

*(Following the baptism, children, along with their parents or siblings may return to their pews.  
The children from the nursery may return to the playroom.)*

<b>HYMN NO. 487</b> (verses 1, 2)	<i>These Treasured Children</i>	<i>Puer Nobis Nascitur</i>
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### DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering		Cheryl Henry
Offertory Solo	<i>Lord of All Hopefulness</i>	Irish Trad., <i>Slane</i>

(The text of the solo can be found in the *Glory to God* hymnal, No. 683)

*Doxology with Alleluias		<i>Lasst uns erfreuen</i>
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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

All: **Lord, you look down from heaven, see all humankind, and long to call us home. Accept these gifts on behalf of your people, that we might increase faith, nurture hope, and be reckoned as righteous in your sight. Amen.**

* <b>HYMN NO. 716</b>	<i>God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending</i>	<i>Beach Spring</i>
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* <b>BENEDICTION</b>		Sam Miglarese
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* <b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>Chorale Prelude on "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"</i>	Benjamin Culli
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**First Presbyterian Church** welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the ***Ritual of Friendship pad***, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On August 4, we welcomed 15 visitors to worship.

**Please welcome Jordan and Elizabeth Jones.** Jordan works with UNC School of Government. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University (B. S.) and UNC (Master of Public Administration). Elizabeth is a student at Duke, pursuing a Master of Public Policy degree. She also graduated from Wake Forest University (B.A.) and has a Master of Education degree from the University of Georgia. Jordan is a native of Fayetteville, and Elizabeth is a native of Winston-Salem. Their present hobbies are chasing their two active kids, James (age 4) and Max (age nine months).

The ***Sacrament of Baptism*** is being celebrated today for Jordan and Elizabeth Jones' son, ***Max Austin Jones***. ***Special thanks to Cathy Seib Snell*** for sharing her vocal music gift with us today in worship.

Today's ***flowers*** are given by ***Beth and Vernon Neece*** to the glory of God and in honor of their families.

***Nursery care*** for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Following "A Time with Children," children can remain in worship with their parents/guardians or return to the nursery. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

*Worship bags and activity bulletins* are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of *today's worship texts* are taken from *Feasting on the Word*.

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### **Volunteers needed for Walk-in Ministry**

Do you have some free time and need something worthwhile to do? Do you enjoy interacting with people from all walks of life? If so, the Service & Mission Committee has an opportunity for members to consider: join our Walk-in Ministry team of volunteers. The hours are good and the time spent with clients will be rewarding. Orientation is provided and you will be paired with an experienced volunteer as you get comfortable with the process. Contact Marie Sappenfield if you are interested in joining the team.

**Days and times volunteers are needed:**

**Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon**

**Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon**

**Sundays: After Worship till about 1:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 18**

**Sunday School Teacher Preparation**

**"Building Connections"**

**9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in your classrooms**

It's time to get our Sunday School rooms ready as places of welcome and discipleship training, as we look to welcome our charges on Promotion Sunday (August 25). So, those who have agreed to teach this year, please bring your calendars with you and come for a pep talk, and time to look over your curriculum and prepare your classrooms before the new school year begins in earnest. The Christian Education Committee will provide snacks for everyone, and materials will be available to refresh and decorate your classrooms and to make plans for the fall. The theme for this year is "Building Connections," and we are looking forward to many ways we might strengthen connections with God, between teachers and students, between classmates, and between our church and our community.

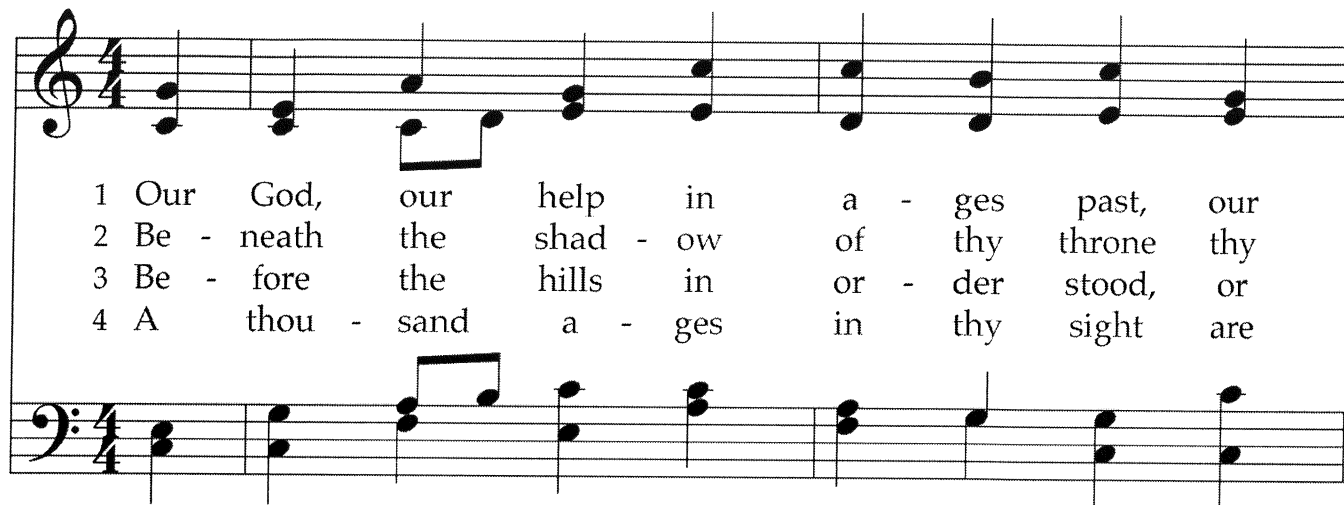
### **Let's get ready for the Ready Singers!**




Come and hear the **Ready Singers** on **next Sunday, August 18** during the 11:00 a.m. worship service at First Presbyterian Church. The group is composed of justice-involved men from the Orange -Alamance County Correctional Center in Hillsborough. Their praise songs are inspiring and reflect how important spirituality has become in their lives.

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

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## Jesus, Priceless Treasure

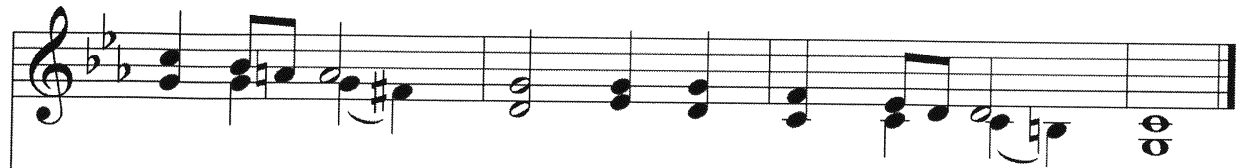
1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est  
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would op -  
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness! For the Lord of

plea - sure, tru - est friend to me; ah, how long I've  
 press me can - not reach me here. Though the earth be  
 glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in: God, who dear - ly

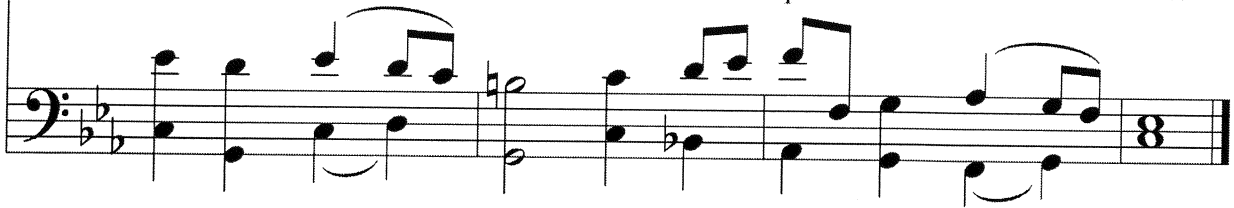
pant - ed, and my heart has faint - ed, thirst-ing, Lord, for  
 shak - ing, ev - ery heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my  
 loves us, from all tri - al saves us; gives sweet peace with-

thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb: noth - ing in the  
 fear; light-nings flash and thun - ders crash: yet, though sin and  
 in; I have borne this world - ly scorn; still in thee lies





world can hide thee; naught I ask be - side thee.  
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!



# These Treasured Children 487

1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to  
2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our

us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a  
chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and

heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.  
minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.

# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D)

(Bm)

(G)



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D)

(Bm)

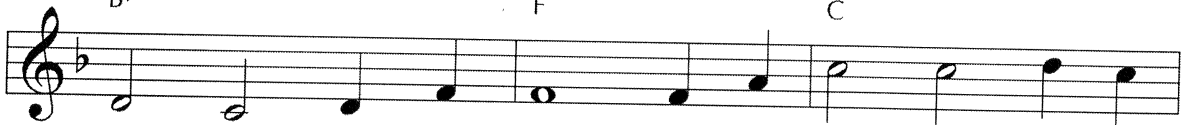


end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G)

(D)

(A)



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm)

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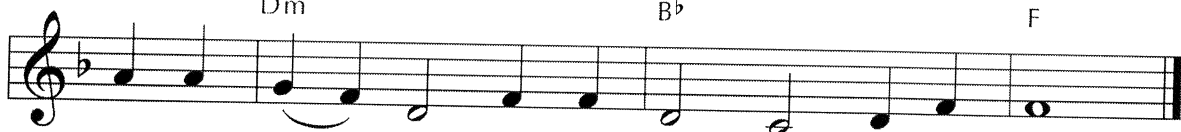


to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

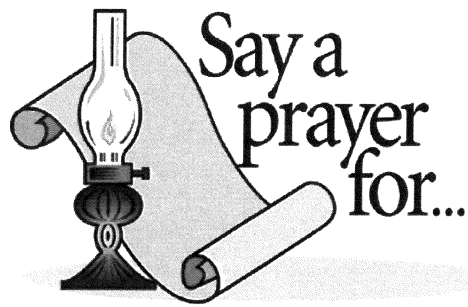
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rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.



***Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett*** and her daughters, ***Sonia and Valentine***, on the sudden death of Mercy's grandniece, ***Tiffany Murage***, in Kenya on August 2. In addition to this loss, Mercy is facing foot surgery again in September, and asks for our prayers and expressions of love and support for her and her family.

**Added this week:**

***Paul Cornsweet***, in Duke Hospital, recovering from a fall

***Doug Neece***, brother of Vernon Neece, recovering from a recent surgery

**Home:**

***Harold Dunlap***

***Margaret Mubanga***

***Joseph Ngumi***

***Carolyn and Jim Wolfe***

**Care Communities:**

Brookdale Durham: ***Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett***

Croasdaile Pavilion: ***Bob Rankin***

Durham Regent: ***John Kerr, Ann Prospero***

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: ***Helen Garrison***

The Forest at Duke: ***Fran Bryant***

**Family and Friends of the Congregation:**

***Fran Alwood***, mother of Jennie Alwood

***Rebecca Aysque***, friend of Christy Gudaitis

***Ken Chambliss***, father of Will Chambliss

***Camilla Crampton***, friend of Mal King

***Ralph Edwards***, grandfather of Amy Wilson

***Jim Vacca***, father of Jamie Chambliss

***Bob Warren***, father of Dawn Carsey

## The Week at a Glance!

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>12:15 – 5:00 PM</b> Youth Hike and Swim (Meet in the foyer after worship with your gear!)</p> <p><b>2:00 – 4:00 PM</b> Triangle Sacred Harp Shape Note Choir</p>	<p><b>Monday, August 12</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Christian Education Committee</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Property Committee</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Service &amp; Mission Committee</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Worship &amp; the Arts Committee</p> <p><b>7:00 – 8:30 PM</b> Youth Ministry Committee</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, August 13</b></p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> All Staff</p> <p><b>5:00 – 6:00 PM</b> Youth Hangout (last one) at Pelican's Snoballs (Roxboro Road)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, August 14</b></p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Stewardship Committee</p>
<p><b>Thursday, August 15</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p>	<p><b>Friday, August 16</b></p> <p><b>7:00 – 9:00 AM</b> FPC serving breakfast at Urban Ministries Community Café</p>	<p><b>Saturday, August 17</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 18</b> <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship with music by The Ready Singers</p> <p>No Congregational Lunch</p>

### ~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jennie Alwood*

Baptism Elder: *Tyler Momsen-Hudson*

Narthex Greeter: *Elinor Hess, Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters: *Jon Abels* (font/side door); *Michael Honeycutt* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *John Mozart* (head), *Katy Barron* (flowers), *Kathy Conner* (counting),

*Dale Gaddis, Michael Honeycutt, Elinor Hess*

### CHURCH STAFF

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Vernon Cooper*, Administrative Support  
*Robert Daye*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor (on sabbatical)  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Marilyn Hedgpeth*, Associate Pastor



*Cheryl Henry*, Parish Associate  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Sam Miglarese*, Associate Pastor  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor

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