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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

GATHERING MUSIC

Canon in D

J. Pachelbel
Warren Dudley, Tuba

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. J. Jarman

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

People: The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Leader: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, and God's glory will dwell in our land.

*HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

268 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news; Christ is merciful to all who turn to him in repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS The Gloria Patri #581 (Purple)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN Joy Bayles

ANTHEM Rondeau F. Marburg
Warren Dudley, Tuba

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 11:1-13

p. 735 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Prayer: Who taught you to pray?”

Rev. Joy Alford

*HYMN

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

#24 (Purple)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 at 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.

*OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#592 (Purple)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

* HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

#753 (Purple)

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Go now in peace.

Never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

* *Worshippers who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.*



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	Session
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

We welcome Rev. Joy Alford as our speaker today. Rev Joy Alford is a graduate of a MDiv from United Theological Seminary and is a passionate and compassionate ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ. She served as vice president for the board of directors for the Eastern North Carolina Association of that denomination. However, she is now focused on her full time position as a Hospice Chaplain. Joy was a social worker, healthcare administrator and federal regulator of mental health facilities prior to planting a Church. She is a visionary and a servant leader. Joy now owns her own consulting firm and has done volunteer work serving on the board of directors for the ARC and the board of directors for FOR (Federation of Reconciliation now UPF.) She has worked volunteering for many organizations including but not limited to the suicide hotline, food bank and AIDS organization. Joy loves to preach and teach and fills the pulpit whenever possible for 3 different denominations. Joy enjoys spending time with her family and going on the lake boating, reading and writing. Her first book is soon to be published.

Thank you to Warren Dudley for sharing his talent with us today.

The **Two Cents a Meal offering** will be collected next Sunday, Aug. 3. July's collection was \$116.19.

Session Summary Session met on June 22 for their stated meeting. Christian Education reported that 45 adults and 13 children attended a successful Vacation Bible School. APP reported that the following academic scholarships had been awarded :

	Tinker Best Scholarship	Kornegay Scholarship
Sarah Beth Sargent- UNC-Pembroke	\$2000.00	\$1000.00
Paulensky Francis- Campbell University	\$2000.00	\$1000.00
Litz Francis- East Carolina University	\$2000.00	\$1000.00
Emily Webster- N.C. State University	\$2000.00	\$1000.00
Georgia Fulghum- Meredith College	\$2000.00	\$1000.00
Laura Faith Graves- Wayne Community College	\$1600.00	\$1000.00

The Tinker Best Scholarship is \$1000.00 per semester for those attending a four-year university. It is \$800.00 dollars per semester for someone attending a community college. The Kornegay Scholarship is \$500.00 per semester whether attending university or community college.

Hattie Beth Rectenwald was born July 23 at 7:59 am. She weighed 7 lbs 2 oz and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Justin and Katelyn Williams Rectenwald of Thomasville, Ga. Grandparents are Michael and Lynn Williams. Mom, baby, and dad are all doing just fine. God is good!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Dee Stentz, Wayne UNC-pneumonia
- Sarah Varner -sister in law of Lynn Dail, chemo treatments

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Stotler Porter– father of Logan Porter
- Joyce Coates - mother of Doug Coates
- Janet Whitfield-sister of Faye Porter

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Carl Rivenbark
- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Robbie McSwain
- Donna Fulghum

Please call or email the church office with your prayer concern. Church members and their family will be included in the worship bulletin for the durations listed above. Please let us know as prayers are answered, so we can celebrate with you; or as needs change, so we know how best to pray with and for you. If you have an immediate concern, please call D. J. Jarman, Clerk of Session at 919 222 9526.

