

10:30AM, MAY 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

Bold text is read in unison.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC AND CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

PRELUDE

"Foundation"

Burkhardt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all you people! **God has gone up with a shout of joy.**

The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign; **his is the name above all names.**

We are witnesses: the Lord is risen! **Christ has ascended to reign on high!**

Let us worship God together today.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"How Firm a Foundation"

No. 463

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, abiding in abundant love and grace.

...continuing in Silent Prayer...

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORY TO GOD

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Jillian Gatewood

WARINNER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

Liz Creasman

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

"Mercy Tree"
Nan Stratton, *soloist*

arr. Martin

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jillian Gatewood

We invite children ages 4-11 to attend our "Little Lights" Bible study in Room 100, following the Time with Young Disciples. We ask parents to please meet their children following worship. Our church nursery is located down the hall in Room 104 for children four and under. Our ushers can guide you to either location if needed.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit in wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy, continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11 pg. 118
This is the Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 24:44-53 pg. 91
This is the Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "He Ascended into Heaven" Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***SPECIAL MUSIC** "How Great is Our God" arr. Shrader

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 35)

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, AND OUR OFFERINGS

*** DOXOLOGY to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 15**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Risen and ascended Lord, we offer these gifts in joyful response to your boundless grace. Use these gifts to continue the mission of the church. Amen.

WE GO TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD

***HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 12

***BLESSING** attributed to Rev. Emma Nickel

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Out of the Depths, Opus 2" Badelt

During the postlude, we invite you to move to Duntreath Hall to join us for fellowship time.

Liturgy adapted from the PCUSA Book of Common Worship, the Connections Worship Companion for Year A, and liturgy written by Baron Mullis and provided for free distribution by the Presbyterian Outlook ©.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, *Pastor*; Jillian Gatewood, *Director of Christian Formation*;
Michelle Tuck, *Director of Music*; Sarah Cothorn, *Organist/Accompanist*;
Anne Anderson, *Liturgist*; Claire Robinson, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

*The flowers are given by Dave and Kathy Bauer to the glory of God
and in memory of Margaret Bauer and Burt Knandel and in honor of Palmer Willis and Paul Von Rompay.*

*The flower arrangement, on the reception table in Duntreath Hall,
is presented by Mrs. Richard Meadows and the late LTC Richard L. Meadows (Ret),
to honor Mollie Meadows and to celebrate her graduation, outstanding academic achievements,
and dedication to the service of others. Congratulations Mollie!*

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome to Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church! We're glad you're with us today. If you want to learn more about our church and ways to engage, please fill out the visitor card in the pew cardholder. Place the completed card in the offering plate in the foyer or hand it to an usher. We invite you to join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a time to get to know each other!

Childcare is available for children four and under in the nursery (ushers can guide you if needed). We also have **children's bulletins** and crayons in the hallway.

Livestreaming during the service can be found in *The Commons* down the main hall if the need arises. Ushers can guide you.

Get Connected: See our Discipleship Opportunities Flyer in the Resource Center (between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall) for ways to connect with others with similar interests or to join a Small Group.

A church calendar of events for the year can be found in the Resource Center. Pick one up today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

We invite you to sign in using the Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew. This is optional; however, it is a helpful way for us to know how many people attend each week. Please fill out as much or as little information as you would like and pass the pad down your row.

If you have **prayer requests**, you can list them on the prayer cards tucked in the cover of the friendship pads. Please place the completed card in the prayer box in the Narthex. You can also email prayer requests directly to Pastor Keli at kcooper@tuckahoepres.org.

The Offering plates will be located at the entrances to the Sanctuary, in the Narthex. As you enter or exit the Sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plate. Thank you for your faithful giving.



There are Sign-Up Calendars for Flower Dedications available online for 2026. You can find the links on our main website page at the bottom of the event blocks section. Questions? Contact the office: office@tuckahoepres.org.

Sign up to host Fellowship After Church one Sunday! The Fellowship Committee has made the process very simple, and you can use snacks from the pantry. Scan the QR code or sign up on our main website page at the bottom of the event blocks section. Questions? Contact Jeanne Webster.



As we know, life comes with different seasons, and in this season, Michelle will be stepping down as Director of Music to spend more time with her dear family. While we wholeheartedly support this decision, the news, of course, comes with sadness as we prepare to say goodbye. Michelle's final day at Tuckahoe will be on Pentecost, Sunday, May 24.

Join us for a joyful and festive worship service as we celebrate the birthday of the church universal on **Sunday, May 24, at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.** We will worship together with **Holy Trinity Church**, the Ghanaian congregation that usually gathers in Wilson Hall on Sunday morning, celebrating the beauty and diversity of God's global church. **You're invited to wear red** as we rejoice in the Spirit's movement and our shared life of faith! This will also be Director of Music **Michelle's final Sunday** with us. Help us celebrate her ministry with us at Tuckahoe.

Join us **Sunday, May 31, at 10:30am for our Blessing of the Animals on the outdoor plaza.** Celebrate all God's creatures as we give thanks for the animals in our lives. Bring leashed or crated pets, photos, or stuffed animals for a special blessing. We'll follow our usual worship rhythm, with blessings offered near the end. **We're also collecting washed towels and blankets for animal control.** All are welcome – furry, feathered, finned, or scaled!

Join us for an evening of music on the church plaza with the **Richmond Pops Band.** Known as Central Virginia's "finest community concert band," their performance will include music to welcome and celebrate Memorial Day on **Sunday, May 31, at 5:00pm.** **This is a free concert with free soft drinks and frozen treats.** Please bring your own blanket or chair. Picnic on the front lawn and enjoy the Band! This event will be rain or shine.



Vacation Bible School 2026 registration is open. Join us **Monday-Thursday, June 8-11, from 9:00am-12:00pm.** We welcome children ages 4 and up who are potty-trained for four mornings of fun, creativity, and discovery. Through music, storytelling, games, crafts, and hands-on activities, children will explore what it means to live with kindness, curiosity, and faith while growing in understanding of themselves, their neighbors, and God's love in everyday life. Participants can expect engaging activities, creative storytelling, and opportunities to practice compassion and care for our community. **Register today,** save your spot, and for questions or more information, contact Jillian Gatewood.

For the week of **June 21-27**, a group from TPC will travel to **Spruce Pine, NC**, to help families and churches rebuild damage sustained in September 2024 due to Hurricane Helene. Anyone 16 years of age or older is welcome, and you can come for the full week or just part of the week. **Suggested donations to cover food, transportation, and lodging are \$75 for youth and \$150 per adult;** scholarships are available if needed. Do not let a lack of experience deter you; everyone will be able to contribute to the effort. If you can't come and would like to support the mission financially, that would be greatly appreciated. **Register online using the QR code by May 21** or make a monetary donation. Please join us for an informational meeting on **Sunday, May 31, at 9:45am, in Room 106.** We will discuss all aspects of the Mission Trip. Thank you in advance for your participation and prayerful support. Please contact Walter Smith with any questions.



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