

10:30AM, AUGUST 16, 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Indicates please stand as you are able.
Bold text is read in unison.*

WE WELCOME YOU AS FAMILY

Friendship Pad | We invite everyone to sign in using the Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew. Feel free to add as much information as you would like and pass the pad down your row. This is something everyone, including regulars, signs each week.

Visitors | If you're visiting and would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a **visitor card** in the pew cardholder. You can also sign up for our e-newsletter, which is the best way to stay current on ways to get involved. Once completed, place your card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Childcare for children four and under is available in the nursery, located in the education building. You can ask an usher where to go. We also have **children's bulletins** and crayons in the hallway.

Livestream | If you need to step out, you can follow the service via **livestream in The Commons**. Ushers can guide you. There are also several toys for children to play with in this space.

Hearing Assistance | Our sound system lets you **connect your Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids** directly to it. Using the "**WaveCAST**" app, you can sync to the broadcast while using the "TuckahoeALS" Wi-Fi. Scan the QR Code for detailed instructions. Ushers are happy to help!



WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC AND CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jillian Gatewood

PRELUDE

"May God Smile Upon You"

Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's grace reaches beyond the lines we draw and the boundaries we create.

Come closer, for God's mercy is wider than we imagine.

When we are tempted to divide the world into insiders and outsiders,

God reminds us that grace cannot be contained.

When distance, difference, or old wounds keep us apart,

God invites us to see one another with new eyes.

There is room here for every story, every question, every seeking heart.

Come closer. Let us worship the God whose grace crosses every boundary.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Morning Has Broken"

No. 664

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we draw lines between ourselves and others. We decide who belongs, who is welcome, and who should remain at a distance. Our tables are not always as wide as yours, and our hearts are not always as open as your grace. Forgive us for the boundaries we create and the people we fail to see fully. Soften our hearts, widen our welcome, and give us courage to come closer to one another. ...*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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Harper Gatewood

This is a time when children of all ages are welcome to come to the front steps of the Sanctuary and hear a brief message about our Scripture for the day. Afterwards, we invite children ages 4-11 to attend our "Little Lights" gathering in Room 100, along with Nancy Fabian and Bob Glass, following the Time with Young Disciples, for an engaging time of Bible stories, activities, and faith formation designed just for them. 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:1-15

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This is the Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

pg. 17

This is the Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Come Closer"

Jillian Gatewood

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me" v. 1, 2, 5

No. 726

*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 (debts/debtors)

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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 or email requests directly to Pastor Keli. Please let Keli know if you would like to share your prayer with the congregation or to keep it confidential.

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

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, AND OUR OFFERINGS

The Offering plates are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary, in the Narthex. As you enter or exit the Sanctuary, you may place your offering in the plate. You may also give online through the website using the QR code. Thank you for your faithful giving.



*DOXOLOGY

No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, Joseph turned what was meant for harm into a way to preserve life. Take what we offer today, ordinary and imperfect, and let it become, in your hands, more than enough. Use these gifts to open a door someone else needs opened. Amen.

WE GO TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

No. 268

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jillian Gatewood

*POSTLUDE

"Proclaim the Glory of the Lord"

Liles

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 and the Connections Worship Companion for Year A.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jillian Gatewood, Preacher and Director of Christian Formation;

Sarah Cothorn, Organist/Accompanist; Barbie Keatts, Liturgist; Harper Gatewood, Time with Young Disciples; Claire Robinson and Sarah Grace Groves, Livestream and Sound Operator

*The flowers are given by Frances and Rowan Cooke to the glory of God
and in celebration of their Mama's birthday.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



There are Sign-Up Calendars for Flower Dedications available online for 2026. You can find the link at the bottom of our website homepage. Questions? Contact the office: office@tuckahoe-pres.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 at the bottom of the homepage. Questions? Contact Jeanne Webster.



During the month of August, we will be collecting new clothing to support the students at **Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School**. Requested items include **boys' sweatpants, shirts, and underwear** (especially sizes S & M), and **girls' leggings and underwear** (especially sizes M & L) with sizes needed ranging from 4/5 through 18. Please place donations in the marked box located in the Resource Center.

Join us on **Sunday, August 23**, during our 10:30am worship service for our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks**. As a new school year begins, we invite students of all ages, teachers, school staff, and college students to bring their backpacks, book bags, or work bags to worship. Together, we will ask God's blessing upon the year ahead and pray for wisdom, courage, kindness, and growth.



Join us for Parents' Morning Out – Saturday, August 29, 9:00am–12:00pm. Parents, take the morning to run errands, enjoy brunch, finish back-to-school shopping, or simply take a break while your children enjoy crafts, stories, games, snacks, and fun with caring leaders at Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church. This **free** event is open to children ages **6 months–12 years**, and space is limited, so be sure to sign up soon. **Please scan the QR code to sign up. Volunteers are also needed** to spend time with the children reading stories, helping with crafts, and joining in the fun. Questions or interested in volunteering? Contact Jillian Gatewood at jgatewood@tuckahoepres.org.

The Low Country Boil Dinner is just around the corner! Join us for a delicious seafood dinner on Sunday, September 13, 5:00pm-7:00pm. Come enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship. The event goes on rain or shine. **Scan the QR code to register.** Non-seafood options are available. (*A Low Country Boil consists of shrimp, sausage, corn on the cob, potatoes, onions, and garlic that is boiled in water seasoned with Old Bay.*)



Join us for **Kick-Off Sunday**, as we begin a new program year! **Sunday School starts at 9:15am.** with a light breakfast in **Duntreath**, followed by children, youth, and adults heading to their Sunday School classes. Then join us for **10:30am worship** as we celebrate the start of another season of growing in faith together. We hope you'll join us!



Share your Tuckahoe Presbyterian Story! As we celebrate 75 years of Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church, help us tell our story! Share a short reflection (1–3 paragraphs) about when you joined, a favorite memory, and what this community means to you, along with 1–3 photos that capture your Tuckahoe experience! **Please sign up to participate using the QR code.** The dates reflect the Friday that the information is due. Stories will be published to e-news and/or social media the following week. Submit your story (and photos) to office@tuckahoepres.org. *Please let us know if you'd prefer to opt out of social media sharing. Submissions may be lightly edited for length or clarity.*

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