

10:30AM, AUGUST 23, 2026

THIRTEENTH 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

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

PRELUDE

"A Song for Peace"

Williams

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?

**We are here, and we are ready.**

Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?

**You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you.**

I created you, named you, and have a calling for your life.

**We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love.**

Let us worship God together today.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Creatures of Our God and King" v. 1, 4, 5

No. 15

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy, and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer, and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for 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

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jillian Gatewood

*As a new school year begins, we invite students of all ages, teachers, administrators, school staff, college students, and all who work in education to bring their backpacks, briefcases, or work bags towards the front of the Sanctuary. We will offer a special blessing as we pray for God's guidance, protection, wisdom, and peace throughout the year ahead. As followers of Jesus, the Great Teacher, we celebrate this new season of learning and trust that God goes with us wherever we are called.*

*Afterwards, we invite children ages 4-11 to attend our "Little Lights" gathering in Room 100, 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

Exodus 1:8-2:10

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

### SECOND READING

Matthew 16:13-20

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

### SERMON

"Solid Ground"

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

*The Confession of 1967 is a modern statement of faith adopted by the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Built around the theme of reconciliation in Jesus Christ, it applies the gospel to contemporary social crises – including racism, poverty, war, and international tensions – calling the church to active ethical and peacemaking engagement in the world*

**The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries. The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose, rather than**

human schemes, will finally prevail. Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

**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.*

**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**

**God of Abundance, we have received blessings from you, and today we hear your call to share our time, our talent, and our treasure with your beloved community. May these gifts bring your light, love, and hope to all who need them. Amen.**

**WE GO TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN**

**"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

No. 438

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**"Fugue in G Major"**

Bach

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

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*Liturgy adapted from the PCUSA Book of Common Worship, liturgy written by the Rev. Jeny Carlson provided by the Presbyterian Outlook ©, and the Connections Worship Companion for Year A.*

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, Pastor; Jillian Gatewood, Director of Christian Formation;  
Sarah Cothorn, Organist/Accompanist; Becky Groves, Liturgist;  
Claire Robinson and Sarah Grace Groves, Livestream and Sound Operators**

*The flowers are given by Nancy Fabian to the glory of God and  
in honor of all students and educators as they begin a new school year.*

## 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](mailto: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. Thank you for your generosity!

**We are delighted to announce our new Director of Music, Pamela "Pam" James!** She will begin work on **Monday, August 24**. Pamela "Pam" James, DMA, is a music educator with more than 25 years of experience spanning general music education, choral direction, and church music ministry. She has led music programs at institutions including Good Shepherd Episcopal School, Albert Hill Middle School, and Appomattox Regional Governor's School, developing curricula that shaped music and theatre education across Richmond-area schools. Beyond the classroom, Pamela has served as a church Music Director, Organist, and Choir Director, and brings a rich performance background as a soprano soloist and chorister with ensembles including the Washington National Opera, Wolf Trap Opera, and the Washington Bach Consort. She also works as an adjudicator for Music in the Parks Choral Competitions and has accompanied on piano for organizations such as the Richmond Ballet and Shenandoah Conservatory.



**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@tuckahoe-pres.org](mailto:jgatewood@tuckahoe-pres.org).

**The Low Country Boil Dinner is just around the corner!** Join us for a delicious seafood dinner on Sunday, September 13, 5:00-7:00pm. 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!

**Help us celebrate Tuckahoe's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** We are collecting photos for a slideshow presentation, to be shown at Friendsgiving in November. Please share your favorite photos from past church events, trips, groups, and leaders! Digital photos can be emailed to [office@tuckahoe-pres.org](mailto:office@tuckahoe-pres.org), or physical copies can be dropped off at the office to be scanned. **Please submit all photos by October 15.** Questions? Contact Heather Stevenson at [hstevenson@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:hstevenson@mcguirewoods.com).



**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](mailto: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.*

**Join the Church Historian Team!** As we celebrate Tuckahoe's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, help us document our history over the past 25 years. **We are looking for volunteers to help write stories, interview long-time members, and organize historical photos and archives.** If you love history and want to help share TPC's story, contact Heather Stevenson at [hstevenson@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:hstevenson@mcguirewoods.com).

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