

10:30AM, AUGUST 30, 2026**FOURTEENTH 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. Everyone, including regulars, signs this 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**

Matthew Mahoney

PRELUDE**"Speak, O Lord, As We Come to You"**

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness. **Seek God in the sanctuary.**Seek God in the burning bush. **Seek God in the burning heart.**The Lord is here! This place is holy! **We are standing on holy ground.**

Let us worship God together today.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Turn yourself loose here, Lord. I cannot do it alone.

Help me open my heart and mind to your presence and plan.

HYMN OF PRAISE*"O Lord My God"**

No. 625

CALL TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy, or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world.

Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus' name. ...continuing in Silent Prayer...

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ, we are made whole; in Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

***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!**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jillian 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**, 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

Divine Light, shine on these pages that the stories may speak again to us today. Shine on our hearts that we might know how to respond. Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 16:21-28

pg. 18

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

SERMON

"What Cross"

Matthew Mahoney

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

No. 69

***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

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, transcendence and awe-fulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for a personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

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.

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.

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, we offer our gifts to you, grateful for all you have given us, and grateful for the chance to give to others. Build up your church through these offerings, that we might be a place where your goodness is seen, practiced, and shared. Amen.

WE GO TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

No. 727

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Matthew Mahoney

*POSTLUDE

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Linker

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, liturgy written by Carol Prickett and provided by the Presbyterian Outlook ©, and the Connections Worship Companion for Year A.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Matthew Mahoney, *Preacher*; Jillian Gatewood, *Director of Christian Formation*;
Pamela James, *Director of Music*; Sarah Cothorn, *Organist/Accompanist*;
Nancy Fabian, *Liturgist*; Claire Robinson, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

The flowers are given by Dave and Kathy Bauer to the glory of God and in honor of Clara Von Rompay, Louisa Von Rompay, and Susie Willis.

The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Charlotte Austin "Charley" Geary, born August 20. Her parents are Kathryn and Jack Geary, and the ecstatic grandparents are Kathy and Bob Lacy. Proud big brother is Connor Allan Geary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



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



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.*) **Due to size constraints, the Sleepy Hollow Band will not be performing this year.*

Join us for **Kick-Off Sunday on September 13**, 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 75th 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@tuckahoepres.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.

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.*



Join the Church Historian Team! As we celebrate Tuckahoe's 75th 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.

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