

10:30AM, AUGUST 9, 2026

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

Bold text is read in unison.

WE WELCOME YOU AS FAMILY

GATHERING MUSIC AND CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

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

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PRELUDE

"People Need the Lord"

Nelson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God, not in the wind,
or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.

**Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction,
so we can hear you and know you among us.**

Let us worship God together today.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" v. 1, 2, 5

No. 649

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness.

...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

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

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 14:22-33

pg. 16

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

SERMON

"Walking on Water"

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

"God of the Sparrow"

No. 22

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Brief Statement of Faith affirms belief in the Trinity – God the Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit – tracing God's saving work from creation through Christ's life, death, and resurrection to the Spirit's ongoing renewal of the church and world. It calls believers to discipleship, justice, and equality while placing ultimate trust and hope in the one triune God.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

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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

Gracious God, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that you have given us. Take these offerings and multiply them for your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need, to those most vulnerable. May our offerings, given in a spirit of generosity, abate the desire to hoard, and spread the desire to share. Amen.

WE GO TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD

*HYMN

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

No. 408

*COMMENDATION OF ASHES OF RAY AND RUTH ANN HOGE

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God Ray and Ruth Ann, and we commit their ashes to their final resting place. **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"The Glory of God in Nature"

Beethoven

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 Teri McDowell Ott and 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*;

Jackson Harrill, *Liturgist*; Boyd Robinson, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

The flowers are given by Fred Bower and the boys to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laurretta Bower.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



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.



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.

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!

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.



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 on **Sunday, September 13**, as we celebrate **Kick-Off Sunday!** As summer winds down and a new ministry year begins, we'll gather for worship, fellowship, and the start of a new season of learning, service, and community. We can't wait to welcome you back!

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