

10:30AM, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

KICKOFF SUNDAY

**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 Room 104. 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 with the broadcast while connected to the "TuckahoeALS" Wi-Fi. Scan the QR Code for detailed instructions. Ushers are happy to help!



On Sundays when we offer communion (usually the first Sunday of the month), the **Cents-Ability offering** is collected during the Time with Young Disciples. This is a grassroots hunger-awareness and fundraising program for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It invites individuals and families to contribute a few cents at every meal as an act of thanksgiving and commitment to share with others. **The collection is split 60% to the Presbytery of the James and 40% to Tuckahoe Presbyterian's Outreach Fund.**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC AND CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone"

Tomlin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me. **Bless God's holy name.**

God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love. **Bless God's holy name.**

Let us worship together today.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Morning Has Broken"

No. 664

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. ...continued on next page...

We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

...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!**

ANTHEM

"Come, Sing to the Lord"

arr. Pethel/Borchardt

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES AND CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

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

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 14:19-31

pg. 61

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 18:21-35

pg. 20

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

SERMON

"Limitless"

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 14

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

*The Nicene Creed is the foundational statement of faith for most Christian denominations, outlining the core doctrines of the Trinity, the deity of Jesus, and salvation. It was originally drafted in 325AD and finalized in 381AD to establish doctrinal unity and refute false teachings. *Summary adapted from online resources.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and

glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

If you would like for your child to participate in communion, now is a good time to go to the nursery and/or little lights to pick them up and bring them back to the Sanctuary.

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, AND OUR OFFERINGS

No. 606

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.



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

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the Kingdom of God. God's people will come from North and South, East and West. They will come from Chesterfield and Henrico. They will come from Deltaville and Richmond, and beyond to dine at the Table with God.

Jesus Christ is the host at this Table. He invites all to come and receive God's grace. At this Table, there is enough for everyone. You are invited to come as yourself, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, whatever your state of mind on this day, whatever season you are in; this Table is for you. And if you've ever been made to feel cut off from God's love and grace, then this Table is especially for you. There is a place at this Table that only you can fill. Because the party just isn't the same without all of us.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy One, creator and ruler of the universe, you fashioned this world in love, and all the earth with grace and peace. You, O Lord, are for all time, and your mercy is without end.

In love you made us to love and serve you. You made a covenant with us to be your people. When we turned from you and focused on other gods of our own making, you sent prophets to bring us back to your way.

You gave us a vision of a holy kingdom where we might hunger for righteousness and thirst for Justice, and we long for the day when peace will triumph over the pride and greed of nations. You are holy, and blessed is Jesus the Christ, your Son, our Lord. His power is revealed not in strength, but in weakness. His majesty is in mercy. Even in the face of death, he reached out his arms to embrace his friends and foes in love. You raised him from the dead, and he rules in heaven and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations.

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. As we work for the coming day of your kingdom, the very kingdom Christ taught us to pray for, saying: **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Elders will bring elements to those who cannot come to the front.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Unison*)

While we share this meal today, we cannot stay here. There is work to be done. We pray that we go into the world to be the church. May we love boldly, speak bravely, and build the kingdom of God here and now. Amen.

WE GO TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

No. 1

*COMMENDATION OF JULIA ELIZABETH LAMKIN CAMPBELL

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God, Julia, and we commit her body to her final resting place.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. She rests from her labors, and her works follow her.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Shalom, chaverim"

Traditional

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata in G"

DuBois

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*;
Dr. Pamela James, *Director of Music*; Sarah Cothorn, *Organist/Accompanist*;
Eric Johnson, *Liturgist*; Jack Groves, *Acolyte*; Claire Robinson, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

*The flowers are given by Robins Buck to the glory of God and in memory of
Patty Withrow, Don Virgin, Sherry and John Flournoy, Judy Palkovics, Rusty Dickerson,
Ruth Ann & Ray Hoge, and in honor of my church family.*

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.



As Tuckahoe prepares for its 75th anniversary celebration next year, this weekly feature provides a brief look at dates and facts related to the church's history. *Did you know that..* **The first service was held in the new sanctuary on June 4, 1961?**

Join us for a special **World Communion Sunday on October 4** as we gather around Christ's table and celebrate the unity we share with Christians around the world. This year, we are especially grateful to worship together with our friends from Holy Trinity Church. Children are invited to join Pastor Keli at 9:15am for Children's Sunday School, where they'll learn more about communion, what it means, and why we celebrate it together. Then, during worship, we'll come to the table as one community of faith—remembering that there is always room at Christ's table.

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.*

Ever wanted to read the whole Bible but weren't sure where to start? This is your year! We invite everyone to join our **Bible Reading Journey**, a self-paced opportunity to read through Scripture together, starting September 20 (although you can adapt to start anytime!). Whether you're a lifelong reader or picking up a Bible for the first time, this is a great way to grow in God's Word alongside your church family. Scan the QR code for registration information and the reading guide. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Keli.



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