

10:30AM, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

Bold text is read in unison.

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.



There are **large print** versions of all the hymns located in the Narthex, as well as large print Bibles located in almost all pews.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC AND CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

PRELUDE

"Gavotte"

Camidge

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Some of us said "yes" to God long ago and have wandered. **God welcomes us home.**

Some of us said "no," and have changed our minds. **God's door is still open.**

Whether we come weary, hopeful, or unsure, **God gathers us in with tender mercy.**

Come, let us worship God who calls us by grace and invites us to work in the vineyard.

Let us worship God together today.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 39

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us to your vineyard, and we hesitate. We say "yes" with our lips and hold back with our hands. We say "no" out of fear, or weariness, or pride. We measure ourselves against one another. Forgive us for the work left undone, for the words we did not honor, and for the welcome we withheld from others. Change our hearts so that we turn towards you again.

...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**

"Sing A Jubilant Song"

D. & J. Perry

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

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 17:1-7

pg. 64

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 21:23-32

pg. 23

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

SERMON

"Performative Faith"

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

"God of the Sparrow"

No. 22

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**

The Apostles' Creed is an ancient ecumenical statement of faith included in the PCUSA Book of Confessions. It is rooted in early baptismal formulas from the 2nd century (specifically the Old Roman Creed around 150–200 AD), though it reached its final Western text form around the 8th century. It was not written by the apostles themselves but summarizes their core teachings.

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 (pg. 35)

*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.***

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

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

Gracious God, you have called us to your vineyard, and you have given us a gift to bring. Receive what we offer today: our money, our time, our hands, and our hearts. Use these gifts to tend your garden, to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and share the good news of your mercy. Amen.

WE GO TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Fight the Good Fight"

No. 846

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Shalom, chaverim"

Traditional

*POSTLUDE

"Cornet Voluntary"

Goodwin

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

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, *Pastor*; Jillian Gatewood, *Director of Christian Formation*;
Dr. Pamela James, *Director of Music*; Karen Harris, *Organist/Accompanist*;
Jackson Harrill, *Liturgist*; Claire Robinson, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

The flowers are given by Jackson and Pattie Harrill to the glory of God and in honor of their wedding at Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church on October 3, 1981.

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...* **Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church was organized on February 17, 1952, with 48 charter members?**

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.

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.



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.

Our annual **Trunk or Treat Festival** is coming up on **Sunday, October 25!** The festival will be held at a new time this year, **4:00pm-6:00pm**. The fellowship committee is currently **looking for volunteers to host a Trunk, work a shift at the Bounce House or Games tables, or donate bagged candy.** If you would like to participate in this fun, family-friendly event, please **register using the QR code.** Questions or suggestions? Please contact Jeanne Webster.



In joyful and difficult transitions alike, a meal can be a simple way to show care. **We're building a contact list of people who'd be willing to be reached when a family needs meal support.** Joining doesn't commit you to providing a meal. It just means we can reach out, and you can sign up if your schedule allows. Interested? Email Nicholas Tomillon at office@tuckahoepres.org.



On **Sunday, November 1, at 12:00pm**, join us for a workshop on planning a memorial or funeral service, grounded in our Presbyterian understanding of the celebration of life and witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Led by Pastor Keli, we'll walk through the various options and elements involved in planning a service. **Lunch is provided for free.** Please register using the QR code by **Tuesday, October 27.**

Calling all Bell Ringers! Let's get back into the swing of things (Ha!). For more information, please connect with Pam James during Fellowship Hour or send an email to PJames@TuckahoePres.org.

All women are invited to join us for a **joyful luncheon following worship on Sunday, October 11 at 12:00pm in Duntreath Hall!** Our Parish Associate, **Rev. Colleen Earp**, will lead us as we build on the morning's Scripture from Philippians 4 and explore **where we find joy, how we stay rooted in God, and how we can share that joy with others.** Come enjoy good food, meaningful conversation, and time together around the table. **Please register using the QR code.**



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