

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (Pastor)
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(See Insert)

***DEPARTING HYMN 317 “In Christ There Is No East or West”**
***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**
***POSTLUDE**

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

11:00 A.M.
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist & Gail Hare, Pianist
ACOLOYTE Wayne Powers
CHIMING OF THE HOUR Pat Hunter
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, & CONCEERNS Sandy Hunter

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CALL TO WORSHIP¹
One: Come, stand and praise! Our God is sovereign over all the earth.
All: Come, rest your souls! Jesus, our Savior, has defeated sin and death.
One: Come, watch and pray! The Holy Spirit is in this place.
All: Come now and worship! Give praise to God, the Father;
Jesus Christ, his Son; and the sacred Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN 624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”**
CALL TO CONFESSION (Pastor)²

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)²

If we were self-sufficient, and had all the answers, we would not be here, all-wise God. If our achievements matched our aims and if our deeds perfectly reflected our holist vows, we would not be so spiritually hungry, God of truth and grace. If we had cared for our neighbours with the love of Jesus Christ, and cherished our loved ones without selfishness or impatience, we would not be seeking your mercy, redeeming God. We bring to you our inept ways, and place the troublesome load of frustration, disappointment, regret and guilt in your hands. Please wash the grime and infection from our wounds, and anoint us with the salve of forgiveness. Take us gently by the chin and lift up our faces so that we can look up into the face of Christ Jesus without shame or fear. With him let us recover our authentic humanity and face all coming challenges with his quiet strength and optimism. In his name we so pray.

(Pause for a moment of silent confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON²

One: Family of God, lift your spirits with thanksgiving to God whose nature is always to have mercy.

All: Any who have come clean and sought forgiveness shall never need to revisit old shame again.

One: The untarnished future is God's, and it is now offered to you with open hands. You are forgiven; all things have become new! Through Christ Jesus our Saviour!

All: O give thanks to God who is so good, whose love goes on forever! Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 "Glory Be to the Father"**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Christopher Ray Watkins, Katherine Cordova Watkins

Raegan Elise Watkins, Peyton Brooke Watkins

SCRIPTURE

QUESTIONS TO THE WATKINS FAMILY

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

***WELCOME HYMN 698 "Take, O Take Me as I Am"**

(Please repeat until family has been welcomed by the congregation)

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED Page 35 Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal**

DECLARATION OF MEMBERSHIP

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION³ (Unison)

God of wisdom and The Way, God of light and darkness alike.

Meet us in these old words. Startle us with something true. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:1-11

SERMON "The Latest Fashion"

***REFLECTIVE HYMN 724 "O Jesus, I have Promised"**

CALL FOR OFFERING (Pastor)

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION⁴ (Unison)**

Gracious God, we give because you have so generously given to us.

Take these gifts and multiply them. Send these gifts to places

and people where they are needed so that others may see Jesus. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“BACK TO SCHOOL” BACKPACK SUPPLIES - Thanks to everyone who supported the Back-to-School Fair. Donated items will be taken to the designated drop-off location on Tuesday, Aug. 5, where they will be prepared for distribution at one of the County's Elementary School orientations. The children are our future, and we want them to be all the be the best they can be!!! A gain, thanks to all for “lending a hand!” *[Faith Committee]*

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the PG Ruritan Hall, 5450 Ruffin Road in Prince George for hotdogs, snow cones, bottled water, games, bouncy-house, etc. Hosted by volunteers (PG Ruritans, GMPC's Scouting America Scouts) and PGPD to promote community awareness, public safety & crime prevention. Open to the public!



