



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of the North Georgia Mountains

Rev. Susan L. Haynes, Pastor

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship begins with the prelude.

Please listen in silence as we prepare our hearts for the worship of God.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

“Praise My Soul”

Goss/Lyte

Robert Reed, Director of Music

WELCOME and CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Susan Haynes

CHORAL INTROIT

“God Welcomes All”

Bell

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Based on Psalm 103:1-5

Mark McLain

Leader: Come! Come praise the eternal God!

People: Let all that is within us—body, emotions, mind, and will—praise God’s holy name!

Leader: Despite our failures, God forgives and releases us.

People: More than any doctor, God heals our diseases.

Leader: When we are famished and weak,

People: God fills us with good and beautiful things, satisfying our needs, and restoring our strength.

Leader: So come! Come, praise the eternal God!

All: *Let us sing songs from a grateful heart, and remember all that God has done for us.*

***HYMN #620**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven ”

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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.
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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn #444 verse 4 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" DETROIT
*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark McLain

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalms 103:8-13

Mark McLain

Page 524 OT / Page 681 OT large print
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"On Eagle's Wings"

Joncas

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Page 19 NT / Page 24 NT large print
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SERMON

"Mercy"

Rev. Susan Haynes

*HYMN #444

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

DETROIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us...

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Minute for Mission

International Missionaries Update

Candy Frank

Offertory

"Lord Have Mercy"

Merkel

*CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE TO THE OFFERING

Hymn #701

"Lord, Prepare Me"

SANCTUARY

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Mark McLain

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From the Book of Common Worship Mark McLain

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things
present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else
in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN #435**

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

IN BABILONE

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***DEPARTING SONG**

“Go Now in Peace”

Besig/Price

*Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

POSTLUDE

“You Raise Me Up”

Graham/Lovland

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Betty Benedict to the glory of God and
in loving memory of her parents, Mary and Dexter Willis.*