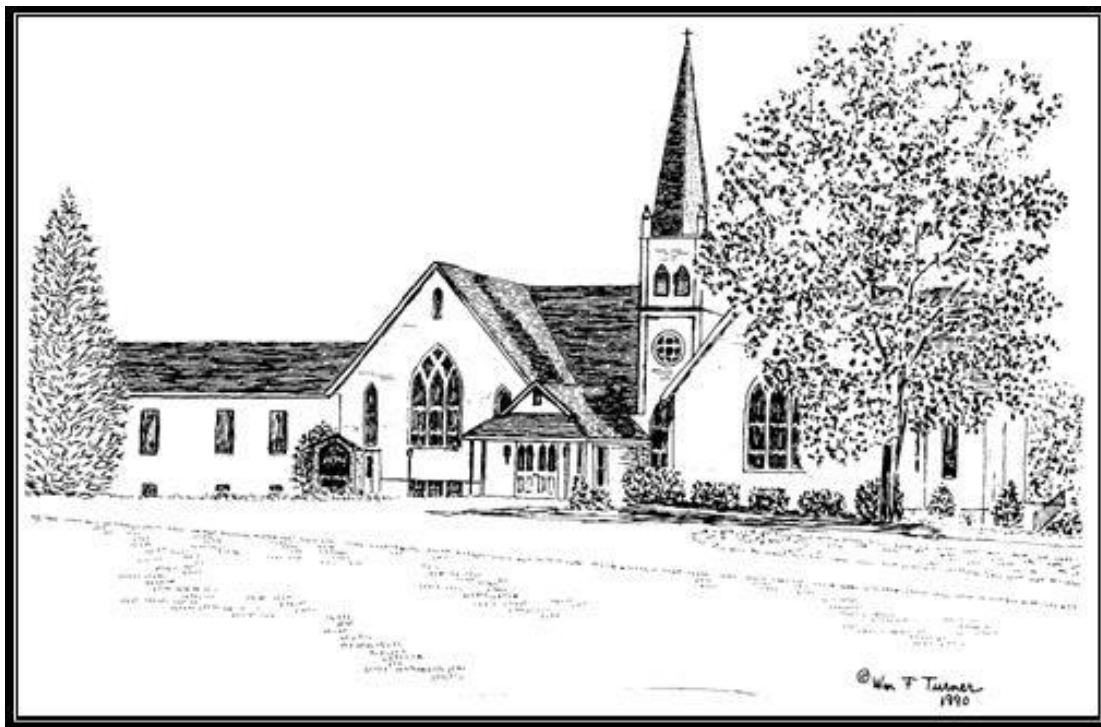




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Rev. Raymond R. Meute, Jr., Pastor
Rev. Dr. William J. Netting, Pastor Emeritus

August 16, 2026

10:00 AM

Order of Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

***The Family of Believers Comes Together
Responding to Christ's Call***

A Word of Encouragement

“When you’re visiting a friend and you find that it is time for a little smackereel of something, try looking wistfully in the direction of the cupboard.”

Pooh’s Little Instruction Book, Inspired by A.A. Milne

Prelude

Ringling of Church Bell

Life in the Church

The Church in Action

Lighting of the Christ Candle – – *adapted from Isaiah 58:7, 8*

Are we not to share our bread with the hungry? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn.

Call to Worship (Responsively) – *Inspired by Luke 14:15-24; John 14:2

God prepares a table before us in the presence of our doubts and our hopes.

We come because we are hungry for a word of peace.

Christ opens wide his arms and invites every stranger to sit as an honored friend.

No one is turned away; no one is left outside the circle of God's love.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us worship God together.

*** Hymn** “Come Sing, O Church in Joy” Hymnal #305

***Invitation to Confession**

Hear the good news: Christ sets a table not for the flawless, but for the hungry, offering forgiveness and renewal as our daily bread.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Gracious God, you fill the earth with good things and set a bountiful table for our daily lives. We confess that we treat your generous gifts with careless hearts. Turn our hearts away from lesser hungers and satisfy our deepest souls with your goodness. Teach us to receive your goodness with true thanks and open hands to share with those in need.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness – *Luke 7:48, 50

Gather at His table. Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in peace. **Amen.**

***Congregational Response** “Gloria Patri”

Hymnal #581

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.**

Prophetic Reading

Isaiah 56: 1-2, 9-12

P. 686

Special Music

Payten Ivy, Soloist

Time with Young Followers of Jesus and Noisy Offering

***Hymn**

“Heaven is Singing for Joy”

Hymnal #382

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 10:25-26, 31

P. 172

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:12-24

P. 77

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

“Throwing a Dinner Party - How to Eat a Wolf”

Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles Creed*

P. 35, Hymnal Introduction

Invitation to the Offering – *based on Psalm 65: 11-13*

You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.
The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.
The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

Now as we offer our gifts, let us shout for joy and sing praising God
for all the blessings he bestows upon us!

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, these gifts are our shouts of joy and song
praising you for all the blessings you bestow upon us. We give
what we are able and perhaps a chocolate chip cookie may
appear from time to time!

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” Hymnal #396

The Week Ahead

--It is great to welcome one of our own Highlanders, resting Elder **Sam Tharpe, Jr.** to our pulpit today.

--Wednesday, 10:00 AM: **Mason-Dixon Ministerium** meeting at Aberdeen Medical Center Community Room, hosted by UCMC Chaplain Kerry Kerr.

--Sunday, August 23: **Blessing of the Backpacks!** All students are invited to bring backpacks and receive a blessing prior to the start of the new school year.

--Pastor Ray is on **vacation** this week but will be in the pulpit next Sunday, the 23rd. If you have a need for spiritual support, please call Clerk of Session, Pete McCallum (443-987-4612) and he will inform our elders.

Benediction

Postlude

Thank you – to Corbin Hardy and Claudia Scarborough for serving as our Worship assistants this morning. Also, thank you to Nancy Jones, Organist; Ian Fallon, Pianist; and Stacey Scarff, Director of Music; and Payten Ivy, Soloist, for the wonderful music today – all of our Worship is to the Glory of God!

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR JULY 2026		
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
General	\$15,040	\$120,714
Missions	\$3,243	\$12,812
Building	\$3,310	\$4,755
<u>Disbursements</u>		
General	(\$20,678)	(\$123,256)
Missions	(\$6,900)	(\$10,565)
Building	(\$4)	(\$25)
<u>Net Income</u>		
General	(\$5,638)	(\$2,542)
Missions	(\$3,657)	\$2,247
Building	\$3,306	\$4,730
\$3,110 has been donated for the AC repair fund.		

Highland Happenings

Mason Dixon Food Bank

Mason Dixon Community Services is requesting any food item or personal care item. Please continue to help our neighbors in this time of need. Please place your donation in the basket in the narthex.

Sunshine Bags

The Deacons are looking for donations for Sunshine Bags. Items needed are fidget toys and adult coloring books. Please see a Deacon for more information.

Pastoral Study Hours

Monday through Wednesday, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, with exceptions. It is always best to make an appointment.

****National Suicide Prevention Hotline –
1-800-273-8255** or Dial 988**

Please reach out if you or someone you know needs help.

Prayer List

+Denotes New Addition

THANKSGIVING FOR:

The hope we have in God

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+David Rose (Dave Thompson)
+Jim Mitchell (Claudia Scarborough)
+President Biden and Family (Craig DeRan)
+Sarah Summerfield (Susan Summerfield)
+Fred Poe and Family (Adrienne DeRan)
+Trish Skidmore (Adrienne DeRan)
+Jesse Perry (David Lijoi)
Cedar & Greenwood Churches, Marty, SD
(Claudia Scarborough)
Children of Marty, SD (Claudia Scarborough)
Wilson Tharpe (Wilson Tharpe)
Bob Flying Hawk (Susan Summerfield)
Julia & Clara Mesh (Elaine Derickson)
Jacob Fallon's 2 wk. camp in NH (Ian Fallon)
Jim Ayres (Pastor Ray)
Darren Weiland (McCallums)
Mary Lou Joudrey (Adrienne DeRan)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

Art Noble (Donna Noble)
Carole DeRan (Craig DeRan)
Helene Mackey (Pastor Ray)
Bill Netting (Dave Thompson)
Jeanie Rainey (Donna Noble)
Jenny Smith (Kim Goode)
Jean Bullen (Pastor Ray)
Debbie and Family (Kathy Watson)
Jim Lawrence (Debbie Mezzatesta)
Tommy Amrein (Eley Welkner)
Mike Mills (Wilson)
Molly & Sisters (Rose)
Michael Yarrington (Amos family)
Paul (Ian Fallon)
Gail Hartman (Lucy Hollens)
Heidi and Stu Richardson
Ruth Noble (mother-in-law of Donna Noble)
Tom Bulleit (Eley Welkner)

MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS:

Baltimore-Dakota Partnership Mission
All people & their loved ones suffering from
addictions and outcomes
Presbytery of Baltimore
Susquehanna Parish – Fallston Presbyterian
All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team
Local Mission – Susquehanna Habitat for
Humanity

OUR MILITARY:

Cathy Durand Cantu, USCG
Ryan Richardson, USNR
Brady Lim and Aaron Macy, USAF

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:

Extreme weather throughout the world, pray for
relief
Flooding and wildfire aid in US and Canada
Venezuelan earthquake recovery
All nations refraining from genocidal threats and
actions
End to the War in the Middle East
Children, elderly, and disabled people without
S.N.A.P. support
Justice and the rule of law
Families suffering from loss of federal and
medical assistance
Economic uncertainty
Truth to guide all world, national & local actions
Peaceful & just end to Russian invasion of Ukraine
Immigrants and US citizens being deported and
families being separated
Comfort to those living in fear
World Council of Church Prayer Cycle: Burkina
Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger