

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship Psalm 103:1-4
L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.
P: Bless God’s holy name.
L: God forgives. God heals. Gods transforms with steadfast love.
P: Bless God’s holy name.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 97 (red) *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

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. 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. *Silent Confession*

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response *Gloria Patri*
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.

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

Children’s Time

*Hymn 44 (red) *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 31:19-20, 24-25

Anthem *He is Mine (Ni Wangu)*

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading Acts 9:36-42

Sermon *Tabitha* Rev. Selina Malherbe

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith Book of Common Worship
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.

Prayers of the People followed by The Lord’s Prayer

Call for the Offering / Offertory

*Doxology
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

*Hymn 284 (red) *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*Please stand, as able

Prayer Concerns: David Beggs, friend of Chris Shepherd; Chuck Conner; Ramona Davis; Alexander Elliott, grandson of Tommy Wilson; Greg and Bobby Hunt, brothers of Debbie Butler; Laura Lyles, friend of Wendy Rohleder; Danetta Robinson, former member; Clyde Smith; Gene Stewart, friend of Ken Bostick; Art and Margaret Thompson; Kennette Watkins, daughter-in-law of Neal and Trudy Watkins; Jackie White; Dwight Williams

Flowers are given by Jim and Debbie Butler in loving memory of Jim's mother, Dee Dee Bradshaw Miller.

Worship Assistants - Acolyte: Mila Adcock; Children's Church and Nursery: Pam Satterfield and Kason Jurczyk; Greeter: Karen Brewer; Head Usher: Martha Richardson

Special thanks to Selina Malherbe for preparing and delivering our message today.

Presbyterian Women will meet tomorrow at 1:00pm in the Library.

Friendsday Wednesday returns this week. The Deacons invite you to join us for hot dogs with all the trimmings. Complete a green registration slip and drop it in the collection plate to let us know to expect you.

Next Sunday we will collect food for Our Daily Bread.

Online giving portal - <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZD0Y> or scan this QR code with your phone's camera.



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