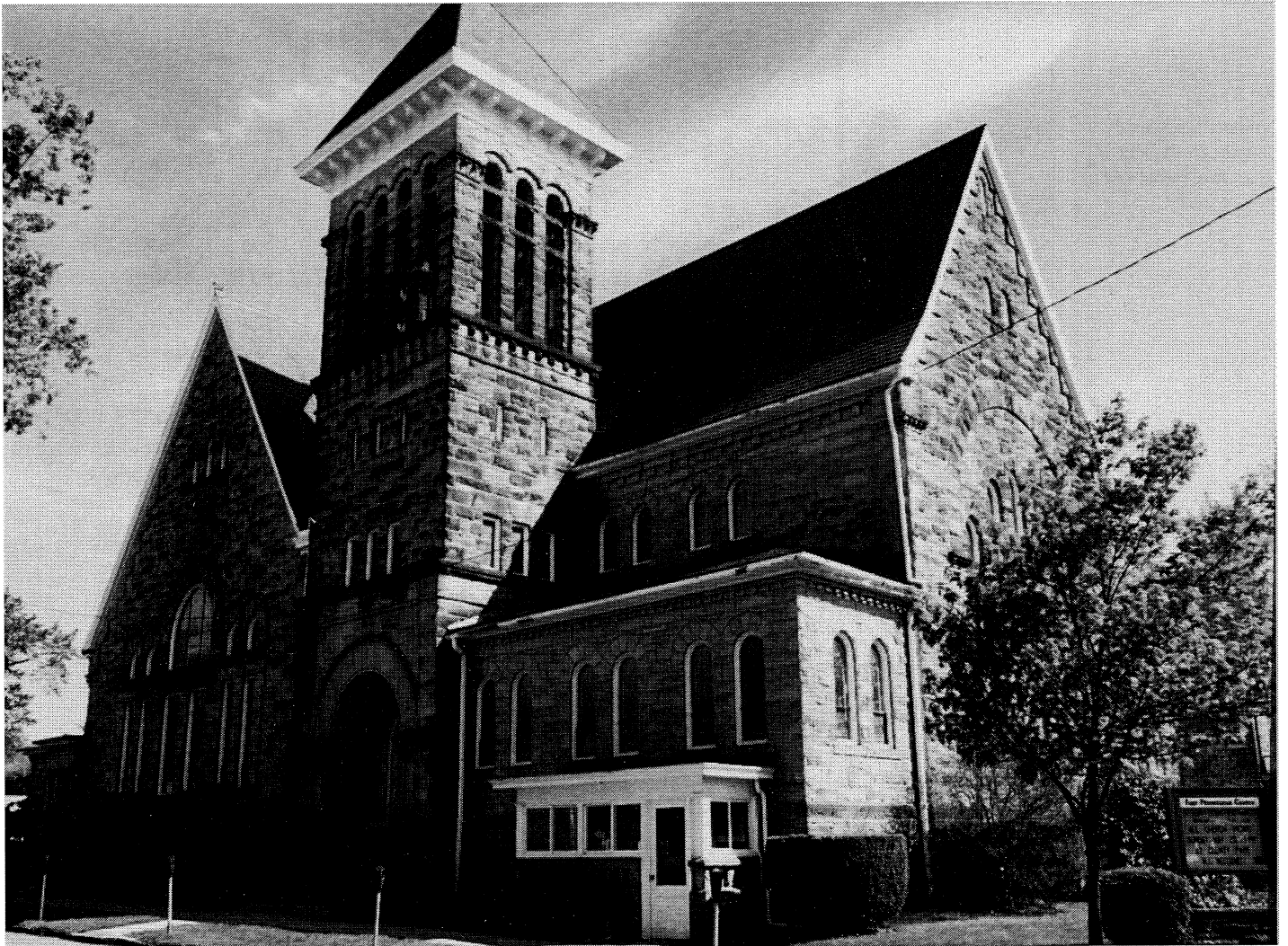
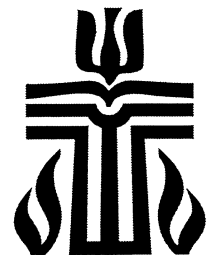


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021*



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We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.

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We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Elaine Matticks

We silently shift our focus to God and prepare to worship.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Air from the D Major Suite

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Come into the presence of the Most High God.

We come with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

For our Savior frees us from slavery;

our Savior heals our diseases;

our Savior is our peace. You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Come, let us worship God!

✦ Hymn No. 321

The Church's One Foundation

Text: Stone, 1866, alt.

Music: Wesley, 1864

Call to Confession

Even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God's purpose. Our gracious God journeys with us and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven. Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

We love you, O Lord, with our prayers and our songs. Forgive us when we do not love you with our actions. You have called us to tend your sheep: to care for your people around the world, to share what we have, and to reflect your love. Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow, when our love for our neighbors is empty, and when our love for ourselves is hard to find. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short, and by your forgiveness, free us to try again. Through Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. Our Master's touch heals us, and his shed blood is our salvation. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

✦ Gloria Patri

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

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Kara Willy

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

(NRSV)

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! Says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going,

and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit come and live in us. Place Jesus Christ in us so that he is the cornerstone holding us together and making us a sacred place where steadfast love and faithfulness will meet, righteousness and peace will kiss each other. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Message

Rev. Paul W. Abell, Jr.

“Turn Compassion Into Passion”

Prayer for Courage

✠ Hymn No. 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Text: Whittier, 1872
Music: Maker, 1887

We Give Thanks to God

✠ **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

You Are Mine
(Duet: Jeff and Cindy Kapp)

David Haas

✠ **Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers for the People and The Lord's Prayer

✠ Hymn No. 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Text: Green, 1969
Music: Knapp, 1738

✠ **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Rigaudon

Andre Campra, arr. Gustave Ferrari

DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LORD'S 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.

The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:




From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,




With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.




169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind



1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

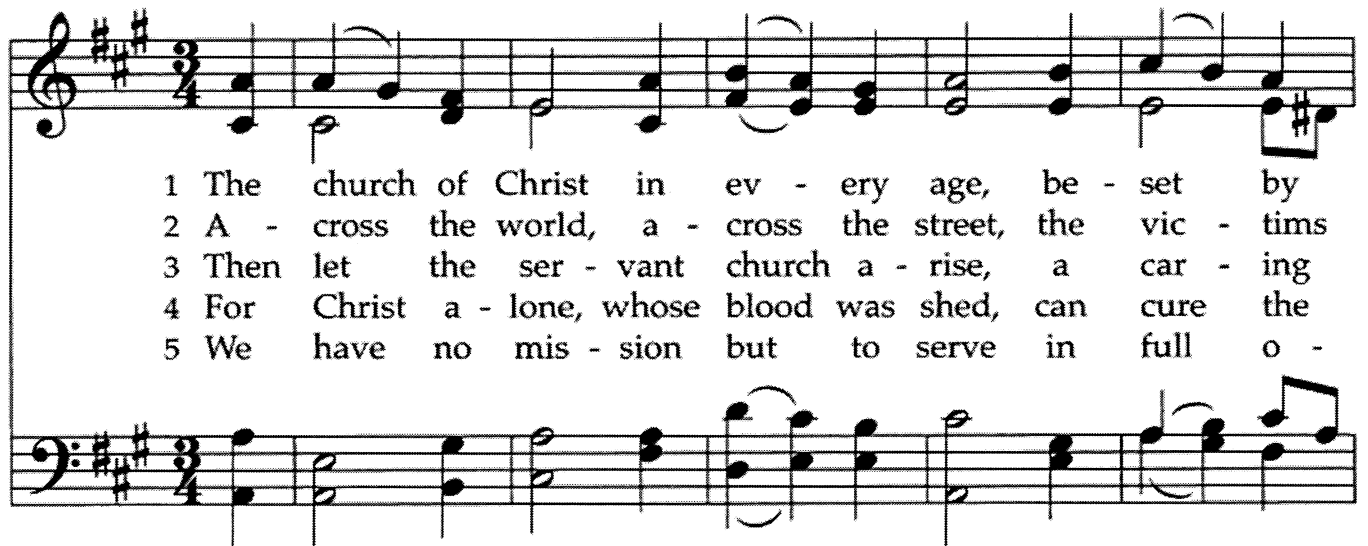


ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

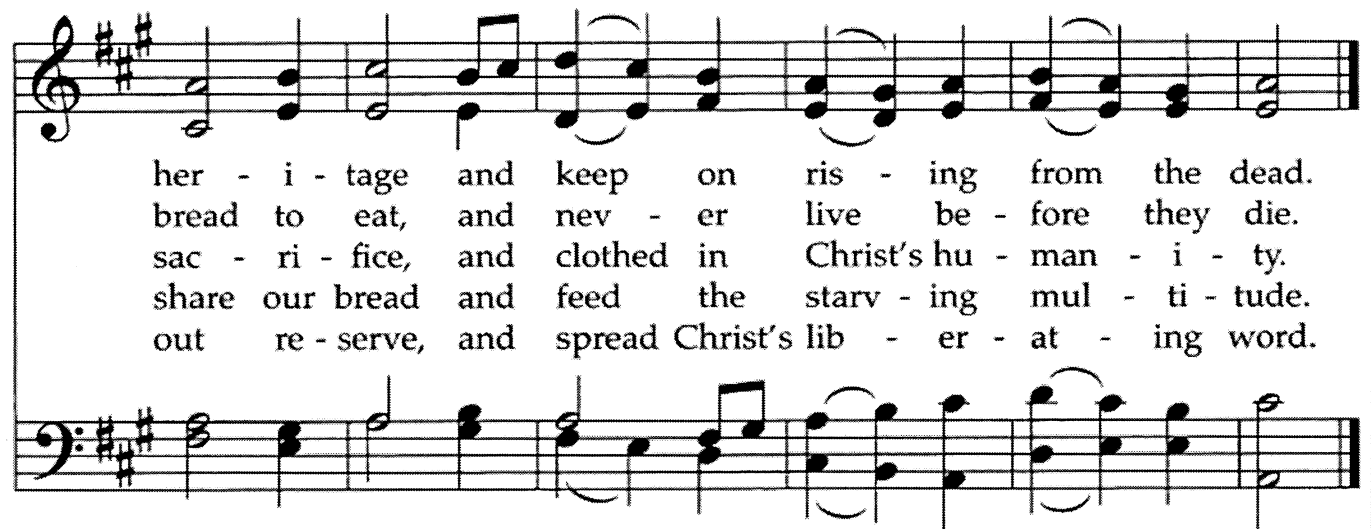
320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

Wednesday, July 21

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Social Hall

Sunday, July 25

10:00 a.m. Worship

— Baptism of Leigha Rae Kelly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME ALL WHO COME TO WORSHIP! IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR WEARING A MASK TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN AND THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO BE VACCINATED.

No regular ministry team meetings will occur during the month of July. CE will only have meetings scheduled at the convenience of those who have volunteered for VBS.

Vacation Bible School for All Ages!!!

The theme verse: Taste and See! The Lord is Good! VBS will be held in person on August 3, 4 and 5 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. Registration will be held on August 3, 2021 beginning at 6:15 p.m. We will discover how we experience God and our faith through our five senses at "Our Daily Bread Café". A full menu of activities is being planned. If you would like to help with VBS, your assistance would be appreciated. Preregistration is appreciated but not required. If you would like to volunteer to help or to register your child, please call the church at 814-226-8145.

Sunday Morning Worship will move to the Social Hall beginning August 1st. We have reached that time in Summer when the blessing of air conditioning is appreciated and we are lucky to have that blessing in the Social Hall. The service will still be broadcast to the parking lot (we are working on the technology piece for that). It will not be possible to livestream the service on Facebook while in the Social Hall. The service will be uploaded to the church Facebook page and website as soon as is feasible after the service.

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Robert Siegel, who passed away Wednesday, July 7th. He is Charlie Siegel's brother. Please keep the family in your prayers.

"When God puts love and compassion in your heart toward someone, He's offering you an opportunity to make a difference in that person's life. You must learn to follow that love. Don't ignore it. Act on it. Somebody needs what you have."



"Learn to love without condition. Talk without bad intention. Give without any reason. And most of all, care for people without any expectation."



"When God blesses you financially, don't raise your standard of living, raise your standard of giving."

Spiritual Nuggets collected by Glynnis Visser from pinterest.com

MEMBER CARE

Please pray for:

- *Members with known health concerns:* Ruth Showers, Fred Port, Jim Young, Dorothy Jean Foreman, Herb & Dee Thrush, Mary McCamant, and Mary Swanger.
- *Our family and friends in need of prayer:* Shirley McKinley's daughter, Charlotte Hartman and nephew, Kenneth Daughtery Jr.; John McKinley's great-nephew, David Mahle; Marianne Reynolds' mother, Alice Davis; former treasurer, Jennifer Hurrelbrink; Carolyn McFarland's brother and his wife, Rick and Janelle Moore; Kristen Maze's uncle, Charles Gamble; Ellen DiBernardo's friend, Barbara Frampton; Pastor Paul's daughter, Helen Abell; Bill and Bonnie Champion's sister-in-law, Norma Stahlman Champion; and Linda Deitz, sister to Jeff Deitz.
- *And all of those serving in the US Military* including members and friends of our own faith family.

Caring Caller member of the week: Please remember Randy Cable, 450 Greenville Pike, Clarion, PA 16214-6122. His birthday is July 27th.

WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to provide hybrid and virtual worship services for this Sunday. Services are currently livestreamed on our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion) in real time. Then archived to our website and Facebook page.

At First Presbyterian Church our mission is to worship, grow, and serve as followers of Jesus. From our youngest to our oldest, we seek to worship God in our actions, grow in God's love, and serve God's people in our community and around the world. We hope that you will come join us so we may personally extend a warm welcome. If you have any questions or particular needs, please feel free to contact Pastor Paul Abell at the church office at 226-8145 between 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. You may also email him at pastorpaul@clarionpresby.org.

For more information visit our website at www.clarionfirstpresby.org.

Find us on Facebook! (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion)

Radio Broadcast-WWCH 1300AM and 94.1 FM every third Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Video recordings of past sermons may be viewed by clicking the "Worship" link on our home page at www.clarionfirstpresby.org or a phone app is available at sermon.net (look for First Presbyterian Church—Clarion.) You can also choose to listen to an audio version. Simply pick the option that works best for you. Videos of Sunday worship are also posted on our Facebook page (see above).

CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Interim Pastor: Rev. Paul W. Abell, Jr.
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Treasurer: Brenda Nesbitt
Secretary: Debra Owens
Sexton: Mike Hetrick
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz
Video Engineer: Dan Willy

Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2021:</u>	<u>Class of 2022:</u>	<u>Class of 2023:</u>
Bobbie Cumo	Joe Burns	John Joy
Jeff Kapp	Robin Cable	Bert Louder
Elaine Matticks	Michelle Deitz	Jim McConnell
Marissa Widmer	Cindy Stants	

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2021:</u>	<u>Class of 2022:</u>	<u>Class of 2023:</u>
Doug Bills	Tamalyn Goble	Suellen Gourley
Pam Reid	Mike Hetrick	Cindy Kapp
Dana Solida	Carolyn McFarland	Norma Kooman
Amy Widmer	Debra Owens	

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Paul W. Abell, Jr.
Lector: Elaine Matticks
Time with Children: Kara Willy
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy
Ushers in Charge: Cindy Kapp and Pam Reid

Flowers today are in honor of Dave and Kathy Larimer's Wedding Anniversary, by Kathy Larimer

Special thanks to Jeff and Cindy Kapp for presenting the Offertory this morning.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 11

10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast WWCH 1300AM and 94.1FM

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

7/12/2021

Envelope Contributions	\$1,705.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	<u>\$55.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$1,760.00
Food Bag Donations	\$170.00
Rent—AA July	\$20.00
Wedding/Building Use	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$2,350.00

NOTES

Feel free to use this space to take notes on the sermon, the service or for any personal reminders that may help you in your walk with God this week