

Grace Devotion

Week of September 21, 2025

Instructions concerning Prayer

2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth;^[a] I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (NRSVUE)

Dear Friends,

One of the most powerful truths in this passage is that prayer is never wasted. Paul urges the church to pray for everyone—neighbors, strangers, leaders, friends, and even people we may never meet. God’s heart is for all people and our prayers join us in that great love. This scripture reminds us that being faithful in prayer is a holy calling. Our prayers matter. They reach places that we may not be able to go. They bless people that we may have never met. So no matter where you are, and no matter where you can go, each of our prayers matters. These prayers are heard by God and draw us nearer to each person we lift up in prayer.

We know that the world may seem heavy right now—we’ve seen devastating storms and uncertainty both here at home and afar in the world. We watch leaders struggle to find common ground. We see families struggling, paycheck to paycheck. We notice loneliness, grief, and worry in the faces we

pass by. Sometimes, it feels like we can't make a difference from our little spot in the world. Prayer plants seeds of peace. Prayer opens doors of hope. Prayer joins our hearts with God's heart. This scripture is a powerful reminder that being faithful in prayer does make a difference, because God works through our prayers.

Prayer: Gracious God, thank you for hearing us when we pray. Sometimes the needs of the world seem so big, and our words feel so small. But we hold comfort in knowing that You take every prayer, spoken or weighing on our hearts, and use it for Your good ways. Bless those we hold in our hearts today—our loved ones, our leaders, our neighbors, and all who are hurting. Keep us faithful in prayer, and remind us that we are never too far away to make a difference through Your love. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

September 21, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome/Announcements

Westminster Chimes and Prelude “The Lord’s Prayer” arr.

Fred Bock

****+“Changed”**

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**** Call to Worship**

Lector: We enter this space today, seeking guidance and grace.

Congregation: We come, ready to listen and learn.

Lector: We celebrate our gifts of time, talents, and treasures.

Congregation: We come today, ready to use what we have for God’s work.

Lector: God calls us to live faithfully and with prayers in our hearts.

Congregation: We bring ourselves, our hopes, and our resources, trusting in God’s guidance.

Lector: Let us worship together today, the One who leads us to life and wisdom.

**** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)**

Loving God, You call us to care for others, to live faithfully, and to use wisely what You have given to each of us. Teach us to see the impact our time, our talents, and our treasures have on others each and every day. May our hearts and hands reflect Your love in all we do, Amen

**** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

****° Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision”**

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Joys and Concerns
Praying for Others
Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of Our Gifts

**** Offertory Response: Doxology**

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**** Prayer of Dedication**

° Hymn: “To God Be the Glory”

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Scripture Readings:

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Faithful”

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

****+“Greater”**

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**** Final Blessing**

**** “A Choral Benediction”**

Postlude “When we all get to Heaven”

**** Please stand, if you are able.**

+ Black contemporary folder

° Blue hymnal

Announcements

- Goats for Rwanda month of September
- Sunday School Kick off starts today 9/21/2025.

Upcoming Events

• Women's Music Ministry

On the second Wednesday of every month we will meet via zoom. @ 7:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81264532233?pwd=pu8cWl0LimwBWOXAPAQo1ZarupUyff.1>

The fourth Wednesday of every month we will meet in person @ 7:30 pm either outside in Franklin Street lawn or in the gather place (weather pending) Women of all ages are invited to participate in both.

Financial Information

General pledge: Month of September 2025: \$2,760.00 (2 weeks)

General pledge: Month of September 2024: \$5,765.00 (2 weeks)

YTD income: \$97,674.22

YTD expenses: \$186,582.80

YTD deficit: \$88,908.58

Upcoming Meetings

- **Sept. 22nd** – Worship & Music @ 4:45 PM
- **Sept. 22nd** – Faith Formation @ 6:00 PM
- **Sept. 29th** – Staff Meeting @ 4:30



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Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector - Martha Channell

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Jenn Weaver & Chelsey Topper

1 Timothy 2

B S E S I N U E V A G R P O I B X W
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I exhort _____, that, first of all,
 supplications, prayers, intercessions, and
 giving of thanks, be made for all men;
 For kings, and for all _____ are in
 authority; that we may lead a quiet and
 peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
 For this is good and acceptable in the sight
 of God our _____;
 Who will have all men to be _____,
 and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
 For there is one God, and one _____
 between God and men, the man Christ
 Jesus;
 Who _____ himself a ransom for all, to
 be testified in due time.
 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an
 _____. (I speak the truth in Christ, and
 lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and
 verity.
 I will therefore that men pray every where,
 lifting up holy hands, without wrath and

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in
 modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety;
 not with broided hair, or _____, or pearls, or
 costly array;
 But (which _____ women professing godliness)
 with good works.
 Let the woman learn in silence with all _____.
 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp
 authority _____ the man, but to be in silence.
 For Adam was first _____, then Eve.
 And Adam was not _____, but the woman being
 deceived was in the transgression.
 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in _____, if
 they continue in faith and charity and holiness with
 sobriety.

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Luke 16

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 T E G Y L E A B R A H A M P W H I M S E L F H
 K K B O L E O P T H E R E I C V H L B D K T Y
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