

Sunday
August 13, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hank Stamm

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people here and
around
the world.



Plain print indicates worship leader.
Bold print indicates congregation.
*Indicates please stand as able.

Opening Greeting

Brad Addis

Ministry Opportunities

Brad Addis

Prayer of Illumination

In you, O God, is our trust.

And we shall never trust in vain.

Lead us and guide us in your truth.

Your word is truth.

Open every pathway of perception.

That we may know and follow in your way. Amen.

Word and Response

Reading: John 10:1-16

Brad Addis

Children's Message

Pastor Greg Culver

Message: Rich & Satisfying

Hank Stamm

Song of Response: Great Are You, Lord

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant *Pastor Greg Culver*

***Introduction** (all standing in body and/or spirit)

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism we pass as through a gate from death to life, from confinement to freedom, from danger to safety, from contamination to cleansing, by water and the Spirit, by prayer and the laying on of hands.



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Today we come to these waters in grateful remembrance of all God has done for us by bringing us through the gate of baptism, and to renew our commitments in each other's presence and with each other's touch, to Christ who has raised us, to the Spirit who has cleansed us, and to the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin.

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, watching over one another in love?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

Shepherd of our souls, we give you thanks.

Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting. You lead us into green pastures, and bring us back safely to the sheepfold. You restore our souls.

When we have wandered and strayed, you forgive us, and lead us home.

When we have polluted our lives, or failed to resist evil, or failed to confess your name and your way, you cleanse and correct us.

When we are threatened by enemies, without or within, you protect us from harm, known or unknown to us.

So now, in these moments, come upon us, Holy Spirit! Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us a sign of your mercy. Let these waters renew our hunger for righteousness and justice.

Let these waters declare to us the resurrection power of Jesus. Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Creator! Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Gate of Life, Lord! Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness! Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One! All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

As we pass the offering plate, we also pass the water. Please hold the baptismal water for the person next to you as they remember their Baptism, proclaiming:

Remember you are baptized, and be thankful!

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Bright New World

Beth and Lynn Griner

***Doxology:** 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Time of Prayer

Hank Stamm

The Lord's Prayer

Brad Addis

Sending Forth

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls you by name and sends you into the world.

Jesus, our Guardian and Gate, protects you on the way, and with each other's loving care restores what the thief would take from you.

Jesus, into whose death and resurrection we have been baptized, continues to offer us new life in the Spirit, as we go.

So go in peace, or stay and join in our feast filled with the love and abundant life of the Risen Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer for Family and Friends

Marilyn Butcher (Vera Walker's niece) is done with cancer treatments, and tests show no cancer. Praise God.

Don with CLPD was hospitalized last Sunday with breathing problems, but the doctors adjusted his medication and released him from the hospital.

The family thanks you for your prayers.

Joel Smola was hospitalized on Wednesday.

Doug and Deb Stafinski's baby granddaughter is doing very well after surgery for hernia repair.

Praise God.

Andrew's friend whose father passed away

Mark Boyer, Mary Ann Kudary, and Barb Bungart and families in the loss of their wife, mother and sister, Susan Shirah Boyer

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Paul Evans (Noni Heikes' cousin-in-law)

Bernice Flynn (Phyllis Barrett's friend) is having dialysis 3 times a week.

Deb Franklin

Josh Haas' sister and newborn twins (Hank Stamm's friend)

Susan Halladay and family in the loss of Lee

Evy Inman

Mark Johnson and other friends and family members in the loss of his friend, Kyle Buttons

Larry and LaVon Rolfe

Sara (Georgia Rolfe's granddaughter)

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson

Mary Evelyn Bell

David Bretz

Alice Dibble

Barb Griner

Pat McClelland

Iris McGahan

Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen

Parsons

Char Rice

Marv & Kitty Starbuck

Al Thomas

Mina Willett

For Lost Loved Ones

Carol Berkey

Virginia Caswell

Clarence Kohler

(Norm's brother)

In Service to Our Country

Matt Kohler

Jeff Kudary

Ryan Miller

Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith

Richie Steinacker

Nathan Stevens

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

August 13:

August 20: Marshall Linebaugh

Do You Have Church Keys?

Trustees want to know who has keys to the church. Please call Joe or any trustee or the church office if you have a key. If you have one and no longer need it, please return it to the office.

Flowers and Cookies Are Needed

Flowers are needed for the altar for the month of September and August 20. If you can provide an arrangement, please sign up in the narthex.

Also, treats or cookies are needed for Sundays in August. Coffee, beverages and set will be taken care of. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Play Gym

Here's a great way to reach out to a neighbor with young kids! Invite them to Thursday Play Gym — a fun, inexpensive, "play with me" group for 1- to 5-year-olds and their favorite adult. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Sign up online at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1312917378791380/?ti=as> or by calling the office.

Please be aware that Fridays are Pastor Greg's days off. Please contact him only in an emergency so he can have time to rest and be with his family. Thank you for understanding.



Tuesday-Friday
August 15-18

9:00 to noon

The best week of the summer!

Your VBS donations are needed at the church by tomorrow morning, please.
Thank you!

For more information, email
vumcyouthguy@yahoo.com

To register your child(ren), call
269-649-2343

To download a Registration Form, go to
http://vicksburgumc.org/Forms/VBS_RegistrationForm.pdf
or find them at the
Welcome Center.

Calendar

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship at Vicksburg Pavilion

Monday, August 14

no activities are scheduled

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School (till noon)

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room

6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting in the Library

Wednesday, August 16

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School (till noon)

Thursday, August 17

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School (till noon)

6:00 p.m. RAW (HS Youth) in the FLC

Friday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School (till noon)

10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219

Saturday, August 19

7:00 a.m. Loaves & Fishes in the FLC

Coming Events

Monday, August 21

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting in the Library

Thursday, August 24

1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle at Barb Addis's home

Coming Deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 on Tuesday, August 15

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

8/13 Joanne Culver	8/19 Nancy Fulton
8/14 Vicki Oomen	Sally Kohler
8/16 Harley Hill	Daniel Zonyk
8/17 Jackson Hambright	8/20 Leigh Ann Fryling
8/18 Doug Smith	8/20 Sue McClish
8/18 Brady Young	

Anniversaries

8/13 Don & Charlene Dailey
Lee & Jean Philport
8/15 Burt & Noni Heikes
8/16 Shawn & Gwen Breece
8/17 David & Jennifer Polsinelli

*Today's altar flowers are provided by Phil Barrett and Jo Pope in honor of Nona Mattheis's 106th birthday.
August 6 attendance: 10:00 a.m. = 113*