

Sunday
August 27, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Greg Culver

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.

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

O God, You called us by name to come, and we respond with
delight and gladness.

In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.

Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for
worship.

In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.

Our God has given us a new song of praise to sing to our
Awesome God!

In joyful trust, we come to worship our God! Amen!

*Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, You call us to be saints, but we are more
comfortable with the role of sinner; You call us to be Your
servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do Your work;
You put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble
on unfamiliar words; You show us the work to be tackled, but
we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things
to do.

**Put Your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us
of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in You.**



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Guide us into the light of Your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: God is faithful and ever-present. The God Who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Enter into the light!

***Hymn: #400** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 40:1-11

Children's Time: *Joanne Culver*

Sermon: "Sing a New Song"

***Affirmation of Faith: #881** The Apostles' Creed

***Hymn: #454** Open My Eyes, That I May See

Prayer for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: *the Cron family*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim Your faithfulness and Your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn: #519** Lift Every Voice and Sing (verses 1, 3)

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, September 3: End of Summer Psalms: "Song for a Lifetime" — Psalm 146.

Prayer for Family and Friends

Eloise Emmert is suffering with painful bilateral tailbone fractures.

Andrew Little and family in the loss of his aunt Cande Vermeulen's cousin is battling bone marrow cancer.

Nick Walker (Vera and Chuck's grandson) had an emergency appendectomy and is in ICU with breathing problems.

We need volunteers for Play Gym.

Brad Addis lost a friend.

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

Ebie (Diana Pomeroy's granddaughter) had tests at DeVoss Children's Hospital.

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

John Fulton is recovering from cancer surgery.

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

Norm Kohler in the loss of his brother, Clarence

Tyler Lynch lost a friend in a bike accident.

Larry and LaVon Rolfe

Joel Smola was hospitalized.

Please pray for President Trump.

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Beverly Nimmo
Mary Evelyn Bell	Robert & Carmen
David Bretz	Parsons
Alice Dibble	Char Rice
Barb Griner	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Pat McClelland	Al Thomas
Iris McGahan	Mina Willett

In Service to Our Country

Matt Kohler	Tyler Smith
Jeff Kudary	Richie Steinacker
Ryan Miller	Nathan Stevens
Walker Polsinelli	

Please remember to schedule your professional photography session for our church directory.



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph & free directory for participating

New Church Directory Coming Soon

- Sign up now for your FREE 8x10 photo and FREE church directory.
- Photos will be taken September 10, 11, 12, 13.
- Visit <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y6b5z77v/> OR
- Visit our website: vicksburgumc.org and click on the words at the bottom of the picture.
- Then complete Lifetouch's form. **VERY QUICK AND EASY.** Don't forget to log off.
- If you need help call Aurelia Reed 649-4956 or the church office 649-2343.

WE NEED YOUR PHOTO TO MAKE OUR DIRECTORY COMPLETE.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Aug 27: Joe and Betty Gruber
Sep 3:

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 Are Needed

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

Coming Deadlines

- Newsletter submissions are due Monday, August 28
- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 on Friday, September 1

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.



Children's Chairs Are Needed

Darcy Osborn is looking for seating for the kids for Sunday School. She would like to use bean bag chairs, big, over-sized pillows, or kid-sized, fold-up "butterfly" or "saucer" chairs (they have a collapsible metal frame, with a removable cloth covering), for a variety of comfy seating. If you have any of these types of chairs, please contact Darcy at darcyroosborn@yahoo.com or 269-998-7011.

Mark Your Calendars!

Handbell and Chancel Choir practice will begin Wednesday, September 6. Handbell choir will meet in the sanctuary from 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Chancel Choir will meet in the sanctuary from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please contact Tamra Stamm with any questions at 475-5118 or tamrastamm@hotmail.com.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

8/28 J.R. Fulton 8/31 Jo Ann Cain
Marlene Sherman 9/1 Gary Corsaut
8/29 Mike Hamilton Kylie Tuinier

Anniversaries

8/28 Fred & Jodee Nelson
9/1 Ryan & Kris Miller
9/2 Robert Parsons & Carmen Moreno-Parsons

New Sunday Worship Schedule beginning September 10

*9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship*

*Today's altar flowers are provided by
Aileen Greanya
August 20 attendance: 10:00 a.m. = 122*

Calendar

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, August 28

6:30 p.m. Church Council meeting, Taylor Rm

Tuesday, August 29

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
Scout Sign Up in the FLC, Room 125

Wednesday, August 30

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners, Taylor Room

Thursday, August 31

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC
6:30 p.m. RAW (HS Youth) in the FLC

Friday, September 1

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

Saturday, September 2

no activities are scheduled

Coming Events

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

offices will be closed

Tuesday, September 5

11:00 a.m. UMW Executive Committee, Library
12:30 p.m. UMW general meeting, Taylor Room
1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance class, Taylor Rm
7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting in the Library

Wednesday, September 6

2:30 p.m. The Shed (MS outreach), Room 107
5:00 p.m. Helix (MS youth) in Room 107
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, September 7

5:30 p.m. Route 56 (**NEW** for 5th and 6th grade students)

6:30 p.m. Scouts District Round Table

Friday, September 8

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance class, Taylor Rm
4:30 p.m. Community Tailgate at Vicksburg High School

Sunday, September 10 - new schedule

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday through Wednesday, September 10-13

Portraits for the directory will be taken in the FLC

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.