

Sunday
September 3, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth 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

*Opening Litany

Come, let's praise God together!

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty,

His mighty acts throughout history: for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's remember the compassion He has shown toward us; His mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's worship God together!

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord... we count on Your mercy yet expect You to punish the wicked. We serve You in faith, but when others don't, we forget the joy of doing Your work. We put in our prosperity when You distribute Your generosity so . . . "unjustly." Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our hearts. Save us Lord from the sins we hide.



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(Pause for reflection and self-examination.)

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Jesus Christ, the only Son of our Heavenly Father, comes so that we might know God's mercy. He suffered and died paying the wages of our sin. Our sins are forgiven. We have been graciously granted the privilege of believing in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit we may live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit — the peace of the Lord be always with you!

And also with you!

***Pass the Peace**

***Hymn: #431** Let There Be Peace on Earth

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 146

Children's Time: *Kathy Phillips*

Sermon: "Song for a Lifetime"

***Hymn: #593** Here I Am, Lord

Prayer for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: "A Friend Indeed" ~ *Beth and Lynn Griner*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we give these gifts because You ask us to share. We dedicate this offering and our lives to Your service, that the hungry may be fed, the oppressed may receive justice, and the stranger may be welcomed in our midst. We offer this prayer in the name of the bearer of Your good news, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Holy Communion

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of glory, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of heaven. Thank You! Strengthen us now in our work and in our life together that we may grow in love for You and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

***Hymn: #66** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, September 10: Fall Sermon Series: Go! Create! Genesis 1:1-2:4a.



Prayer for Family and Friends

The family of Jack Bell of Schoolcraft, who passed away last week

Our college students

The people of Texas

Nick Walker (Vera and Chuck's grandson) is home and doing much better. Thank you for your prayers.

Brad Addis lost a friend.

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

Eloise Emmert is suffering with painful bilateral tailbone fractures.

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

John Fulton is recovering from cancer surgery.

Susan Halladay and family in the loss of Lee

Norm Kohler in the loss of his brother, Clarence

Andrew Little and family in the loss of his aunt

Tyler Lynch lost a friend in a bike accident.

Larry and LaVon Rolfe

Joel Smola was hospitalized.

Please pray for President Trump.

Cande Vermeulen's cousin is battling bone marrow cancer.

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

In Service to Our Country

Matt Kohler

Jeff Kudary

Ryan Miller

Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith

Richie Steinacker

Nathan Stevens

Coming Deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 on Friday, September 15

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.

Flowers and Snacks 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.

We also need goodies for coffee hour. The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.

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 darcyrosborn@yahoo.com or 269-998-7011.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. One donation can help save the lives of up to three people. You can help by giving blood on Friday, Sept. 15, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Register online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins are always welcome!



Volunteers to work the Blood Drive are also needed. Set up is from 9 to 10 a.m., and tear down is from 5 to 6 p.m. No heavy lifting is involved. Shift workers are needed to help with signing in donors and assist with nourishment. Please call Jessica Hawkins at 275-3557.

Food donations are also needed: cookies, breads, 100% juice, veggies, fruit, cheese, crackers. Please call June French at 649-3374.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

9/3 Wyatt Hardy	9/5 Aurelia Reed
Carmen Moreno-Parsons	James Turner
Kelsie Tuinier	9/8 Megan Burke
9/4 Emily Corsaut	9/9 Carla Bland

Anniversaries

9/5 Ron Wolak & Cheryl Lee

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
Fred and JoDee Nelson
in honor of their anniversary.
August 27 attendance: 10:00 a.m. = 131*

Calendar

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

offices will be closed

Tuesday, September 5

11:00 a.m. UMW Executive Committee, Library

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance class, Taylor Rm

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God

7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting in the Library

Wednesday, September 6

2:30 p.m. SHED (7th-9th grade outreach), Rm 107

5:00 p.m. HELIX (7th-9th grade) 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

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC

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

6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC

6:30 p.m. RAW (HS Youth) in the FLC

6:30 p.m. Scouts District Round Table

Friday, September 8 - Pastor's Day Off

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

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance class, Taylor Rm

4:30 p.m. Community Tailgate at Vicksburg High School

Saturday, September 9

no activities are scheduled

Tuesday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Coming Events

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

Tuesday, September 12

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting in the Library

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance class, Taylor Rm

6:30 p.m. Scout Committee meeting, Room 125

Wednesday, September 13

1:00 p.m. Caring Ministries meeting, Library

7:00 p.m. PPRC meeting in the Library

Thursday, September 14

5:30 p.m. Preschool Board meeting, Library

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting, Library

Friday, September 15

11:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, FLC (till 5:00)

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance class, Taylor Rm

6:00 p.m. Scout Pack meeting, FLC

Saturday, September 16

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