

Sunday
July 11, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Kathy Phillips

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00-1:00



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GATHERING

OPENING PRAYER

Steadfast God, your prophets set the plumb line of your righteousness and truth in the midst of your people. Grant us the courage to judge ourselves against it. Straighten all that is crooked or warped within us until our hearts and souls stretch upright, blameless and holy, to meet the glory of Christ.

Amen.

PRAYER FROM THE BOOK JESUS USED: Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. ⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. ¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. ¹² The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³ Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

HYMN: #572 Pass It On

THE BIBLE PROJECT: "Overview of Amos"

SCRIPTURE: Amos 7:7-15

SERMON: "Does That Look Straight to You?" ~ *Kathy Phillips*

Pastor Greg is on "dad-duty" at a wrestling tournament in Wisconsin.

HYMN: #368 My Hope Is Built

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ever loving and merciful God, we come to you to express gratitude for our many blessings of worship, church, home, sustenance, and relationships. Let us not take anything or anyone for granted.

We continue to remember all those who live alone, at greater risk for whom this pandemic increases their feelings of vulnerability. Make us mindful of ways to communicate with them so that their loneliness is eased and their sense of belonging is amplified.

We pray for all those contending with the delta-variant of COVID-19. We pray for strength and respite for the doctors, nurses, and all caregivers who continue to be stretched beyond their usual endurance.

We continue to pray for those grieving the loss of loved ones in the building collapse in Surfside, Florida. Be with those among the waiting, the search teams, and those that are investigating the cause.

We pray for those affected by the record high temperatures. May they find spaces of relief. May we tend to the Earth and care for all living things, to reverse and ease the effects of climate change.

We pray for those affected by Hurricane Elsa.

We pray for all victims of mental, emotional, and physical assault. May they feel your peaceful spirit and find refuge in you.

We pray for churches divided by political, cultural, and socioeconomic differences.

Holy Spirit, guide us in truth and grace, as we pray all of this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray saying...

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

GENEROSITY MOMENT — *Hank Stamm*

Here are the 2020 and 2021 scholarship awards — combined!

OFFERTORY — *Barb Hosner and Karla Stubblefield*

DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF — based on Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed One, you offer a redemptive inheritance sometimes beyond our imagination. You graciously bestow each of us with your wisdom, grace, forgiveness, and love. Joyously, we share these tithes and offerings. As you call us to give, you remind us to place our hopes and dreams in your love and grace. Thank you, God, for giving us your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray in His name.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #162 Alleluia, Alleluia

BENEDICTION

May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us; may the love of God go with us this day and forever. The Lord bless us and keep us.

In the name of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

John (Lori Ensing's friend) had a heart attack Monday morning and passed away Tuesday. Please pray for John's family and friends.

Mike Tuinier will have triple bypass surgery July 23 at 7:30 a.m. and until then is not able to do anything that gets the heart racing. Please keep him and Jody in your prayers.

Previous Requests

Pray for every family undergoing difficulties.
Pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

VUMC's Mission Statement



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

July 4 Worship attendance: 51

For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz
Flossie Lang
Robert & Carmen Parsons

Mina Willett
Betty Witcher

This Week's Celebrations

<u>Birthdays</u>	7/15	Matt Luegge	
7/12	Ben Hambricht	7/16	Beth DeRyke
7/12	Mac Read	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
7/13	Raina Willoughby	7/15	Tim & Fiona Dibble

In Service to Our Country

Walker Polsinelli
Tyler Smith

Geoff White

We need a Sunday School coordinator

As we begin planning for our Fall 2021 church opening, the Strategic Planning Committee is searching for a volunteer to start planning and coordinating our Sunday School classes. If that is a service you would like to provide, please contact one of the following: Pastor Greg, Lori Ensing, Brad Addis or Carol Lohman.

Betty Thomas memorial

Betty Thomas passed away in February, and because of COVID-19, there were no services yet. But there will be a Memorial on Friday, July 30 at 3:30 p.m. at Vicksburg Cemetery, south side of Highway St.

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 20, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Aurelia Reed. Looking for a Circle? Come join us!

This Week's Calendar

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 12

no church activities are scheduled

Tuesday, July 13

no church activities are scheduled

Wednesday, July 14

7:30 a.m. Strategic Planning in the Library

Thursday, July 15

no church activities are scheduled

Friday, July 16 — Pastor's Day Off

no church activities are scheduled

Saturday, July 17

8:30 a.m. Loaves & Fishes, parking lot 'til 9:30a

Next Week

Monday, July 19

7:30 p.m. SPRC online

Tuesday, July 20

1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle at Aurelia Reed's home

Coming deadlines

- ShopWithScrip orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Thursday, July 15.

Please fill out a "Connection card" located on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.



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