

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 31, 2016  
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE

“At the River”

A. Copland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS

“Majesty”

Jack Hayford

“The River Is Here”

Andy Park

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

O give thanks to our GOD who is good,  
Whose steadfast love endures forever!

People:

The people God loves have been gathered in  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Leader:

Some have wandered, hungry and thirsty,  
finding no safety.

People:

In their trouble they cried out to God  
who delivered them from distress.

Leader:

Let us thank our GOD for steadfast love  
for all humankind.

People:

For God satisfies the thirsty,  
and fills the hungry with good things.

All:

O give thanks to our GOD who is good,  
Whose steadfast love endures forever!

† HYMN 182

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

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  
debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

ANTHEM

“Comfort Ye / Ev’ry Valley”

G. F. Handel

from Messiah

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lora Rung

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“If With All Your Hearts”

F. Mendelssohn

from Elijah

\* DOXOLOGY 166

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Tune: “Lasst uns erfreuen”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURES

Ecclesiates 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Luke 12:13-21

SERMON

“So What Makes You So Smart?”

Rev. Mendle Adams

† HYMN

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

“In My Heart, I Believe, O Lord”

C. Saint-Saens

† POSTLUDE

“Make Us One”

Carol Cymbala

The memorial service for our church friend, Betty Kircher, will take place at our church on Saturday, August 20. Visitation is from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., the memorial service is at 11:00 a.m., and a luncheon follows. Desserts are needed. If you can provide a dessert, please contact Ginny Oerkfitz, (440) 554-4367. Thank you.

August Church Newsletter – For those who get paper copies, please pick up yours today in the Gathering Area.

Pictorial Directory – We continue to take photos of families and church events. Please contact Cathy Hawk (440) 781-7512 or Sarah Hayes (440) 781-7513 to schedule your photo session.

JULY 2016

31 Sun Church Newsletter Pickup

Adult Social Club, 2:15 at church, 3:30 on Goodtime III

AUGUST 2016

3 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm

Garage Sale Setup in Pilgrim Hall, 7-9pm – Help is needed.

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6 Sat Garage Sale, 9am to 2pm – Help is needed.

7 Sun Worship with Communion, 10am

Meeting of Women’s Retreat attendees, after church

9 Tue Diaconate Meeting, 7pm

10 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm

Adult Social Group Meeting, 7:00pm

12-14 Women’s Retreat at Pilgrim Hills

15 Mon September Newsletter Deadline

16 Tue Advertising and Technology Committee Meeting, 7pm

Trustees Meeting, 7pm

17 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm

21 Sun Bell Choir Plays for Worship

23 Tue Official Board Meeting, 7pm

24 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm

Men’s Luncheon at European’s Best Restaurant, 11:30am

25 Thu Worship Committee Meeting, 7:30pm

27 Sat 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team Meeting, 10am

28 Aug Church Newsletter Pickup

30 Tue Christian Ed Committee Meeting, 7pm

31 Wed Free Lunch Program, 11:30am to 1pm

SEPTEMBER 2016

5 Mon Labor Day

10 Sat Free Family Fun Day, 10am to 2pm

11 Sun Rally Day for Sunday School and Box Lunch Auction

Weekly Offering Needed \$3,900

Weekly Offering Received on 7/24/2016 3,491

Difference - \$ 409

Everyone is invited for fellowship and coffee in Pilgrim Hall after worship this morning.

This morning’s altar flowers are given—  
For Our Beloved Daughter and Sister, Lynne Golden,  
for Her Birthday on July 30  
Carol Merkle and Sandy Pogozielski

We welcome back our guest minister, Rev. Mendle Adams and his wife Charlene, and thank him for leading worship this morning while Pastor Becky and Jack Stephenson are on vacation. We are also grateful to Lora Rung for her Children’s Message today.

We thank tenor soloist, Brian Skoog, and piano accompanist, Joshua Konow, for their special music this morning.

The SUCC Adult Social Club will go on the Goodtime III today at 3:30 p.m. We will meet in the church parking lot at 2:15 p.m. to car pool. Anyone interested in going should see Eddy or Adria Bond today, call (440) 572-5871, or email [ad.bond@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ad.bond@sbcglobal.net) Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors.

Women’s Retreat – There will be a brief meeting after church next Sunday, August 7, for attendees. Please consider driving, more drivers are needed. Just a reminder to those who have not paid, payment is due now and can be given to Lori Kovatich today.



**CHURCH GARAGE SALE**  
**Saturday – August 6, 2016**  
**9 A.M. to 2 P.M. in Pilgrim Hall**  
**Set up is Wednesday and Thursday this week**  
**from 7 to 9 P.M. in Pilgrim Hall.**  
There is NO pricing for regular items. Special items will be priced.  
Proceeds go to Youth Ministries and Education.  
**ALL HELP IS WELCOMED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!**  
Donations may be dropped off in Pilgrim Hall.  
For questions, please contact Cathy Hawk or Sarah Hayes.

**SERVING TODAY**  
Band Director and Worship Accompanist – Elena Taylor  
Chancel Choir Director – Joshua Konow  
Bell Choir Director – Barb Fraunfelder  
Bass Guitar – Jack Stephenson  
Acoustic Guitar – Gary Hackett  
Electric Guitar – Jake Williams  
Mallet Percussion – Rob Toth  
Drum Set – Mike Soltis  
Vocalist – Clay Williams  
Technical Setup and Operation – Doug Thorn  
Sound System – Jim Heinrich  
Graphics Operation – Rosemary Bechtel  
Greeters – Dan Davis, Sharon Heinrich  
Morning Announcements and Sunday School Teacher – Irene Joyce  
Liturgist – Lora Rung

OUR PRAYER LIST

Hospitals no longer provide names of members who are patients.  
If you or a family member would like a visit, please call the church,  
(440) 238-6697. Please provide updates for this list. Thank you.

**Long-Term Care or Homebound Members:** Ethyl Jeglie at Elmcroft of Sagamore Hills, Janet Kato at Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina, Betty Kovach at Parkside Villa, Connie Rebar

**Church Family:** Eric Brand, Betty Bushea, Jim Davis, Steve Herzog, Betty Jacobson, Chris Morgan, Pam Peacock, Harvey Pincombe, Karen Rak, Denzil Richards, Keith Sullen, Elena Taylor, Leah Tressa Forget, Sally Vetovitz, Kyle Woodward

**Extended Church Family:** Bri Brostek (friend of Gina Cathcart), Ryan Brubeck, Thom Cerny (friend of Bob Kovatich), Dylan Churnega (grandson of Ginny Churnega Oerkfitz), Zachary Crouse (grandson of Barbara Morgan), Audrey Curry (mother of Pam Keenen), Angie Dickinson (friend of Lola Millhoane), Edie Deitcher (friend of Barbara O’Boyle), Donna Fargo (mother of Sally Herzog), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Irene Hagemeyer (niece of Betty Craig), Amanda Hover (granddaughter of the late Betty Kircher), Nathan Johnson (father of Natalie Daniels) Dan Karoly (friend of The Thrift Shop ladies), Phyllis Keenen (mother of Bruce), Pat Kolba (mother of Kelly Bickley), Sue Mason, Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Dolores Mhlack (mother of Allen) at Southern Hills, Debbie Morey (sister of Steve Herzog), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Trish Shields (friend of Pastor Becky), Ralph Sitko (friend of Dorothy Ritchie), Keith Stewart (cousin of Carol Woodward), Trudie Taylor (sister of Karen Morgan) at Villa Camillus, Bob Tomko (cousin of Ed Sobek), Kathleen Wickline (mother of Darla)



**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 7, 2016**  
Graphics Operation – Rosemary Bechtel  
Greeter – Linda Plain  
Morning Announcements – Irene Joyce  
Liturgist – Barb Fraunfelder  
Sunday School Teacher – Irene Joyce  
Ushers – Linda Plain  
Coffee Hour – Volunteer Needed



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WELCOME!

We are grateful you chose to worship with us today.  
No matter who you are and where you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.

For questions about our church and ministries,  
Pastor Becky is available to visit with you,  
or you may call the church at (440) 238-6697.  
Please complete your Attendance Card and  
place it into the offering plate. We hope to see you again!