



***Embodying Jesus'
All-Encompassing
Hospitality***

—Florida's first Presbyterians, since 1824—

**Please stand as you are able*

July 26, 2026

11:00 a.m.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Children's bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship.

Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment. Please leave the bags in the pews after the service.

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.

PRELUDE "Air" from Water Music Suite G. F. Handel

INTROIT "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, When I call, answer me!

O Lord, hear my Prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, Come and listen to me.

GREETING *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* Romans 8:35-39, adapted

Who will separate us from the love of God in Christ?

Nothing, no thing, can separate us from the love of God in Christ.

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

Nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

Nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

Can separate us from the love of God in Christ!

Hallelujah.

Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN NO. 543

"Oh Christ, Surround Me"

GREEN TYLER

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, You are always drawing the circle of Your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are Your beloved. We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the people who look and act right, but You extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us that we may show mercy as You show mercy.

A brief silence for individual confession is kept

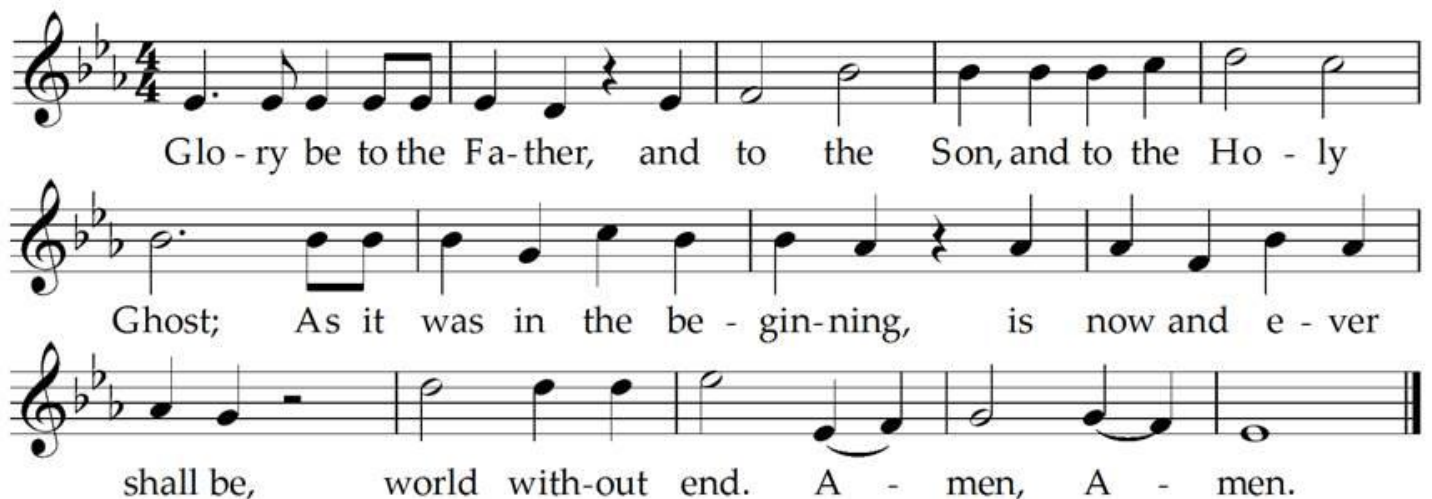
ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsive*)

Rom. 8:38-39; 2 Cor. 5:17

Siblings in Christ, nothing, NO THING, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Indeed, we are made well and whole, not because of ourselves, but through the grace of God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and e - ver
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

***THE PEACE** (*responsive*)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The children of the church gather at the baptismal font

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 105:1-8

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

N.T. pg. 138

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"I Don't Think That Means What You Think it Means" Rev. McNeal

Silent meditation on sermon

*HYMN NO. 658

"God Is So Good"

GOD IS SO GOOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

The Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Please use this time to reflect on how we might
offer ourselves, and our resources, to God*



Four ways to give: Please drop a check/cash in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, text STAMPC to 73256, or use the QR code printed here to connect to the Church's secure online giving platform to make your gift.

OFFERTORY

"Teach Me, O Lord"

Thomas Attwood

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes
And I will keep it unto the end.*

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

(some substitute "God" for "Him")

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*responsive*)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious God, You are the giver of all good gifts. Receive these offerings and use them for Your work in the world until "Thy kingdom come."

Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 840 "It Is Well with My Soul VILLE DU HAVRE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "Heritage Mass" Owen Alstott

*POSTLUDE "The Rejoicing" from *Music for the Royal Fireworks* G. F. Handel

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*Children's Worship Activity Bags: Please leave bags in
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MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

VISION STATEMENT

Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach: Greeting, Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Charge and Benediction

Anne Reid Broos, Director of Children and Young Family Ministry: Invitation to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, The Peace, Children's Moment, New Testament Lesson, Affirmation of Faith, Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer, Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist

Lector: Jim Bullock

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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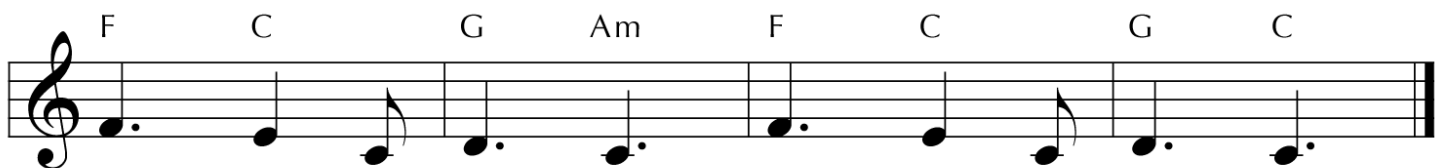
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

God Is So Good

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1 God is so good; God is so good;
2 God cares for me; God cares for me;
3 God loves me so; God loves me so;
4 God is so good; God is so good;

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a measure of the music.



God is so good; God's so good to me.
God cares for me; God's so good to me.
God loves me so; God's so good to me.
God is so good; God's so good to me.

The second system continues the melody and harmony. It includes a final double bar line at the end of the system. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a measure of the music.

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When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

it is well; it is well with my soul.

This musical score is for the hymn "It is well with my soul." It is written in E-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "it is well; it is well with my soul." The score consists of two staves. The first staff (treble clef) contains the melody, and the second staff (bass clef) contains the bass line. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The bass line is composed of quarter and half notes, with a final half note. The score ends with a double bar line.

MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

July 26, 2026

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

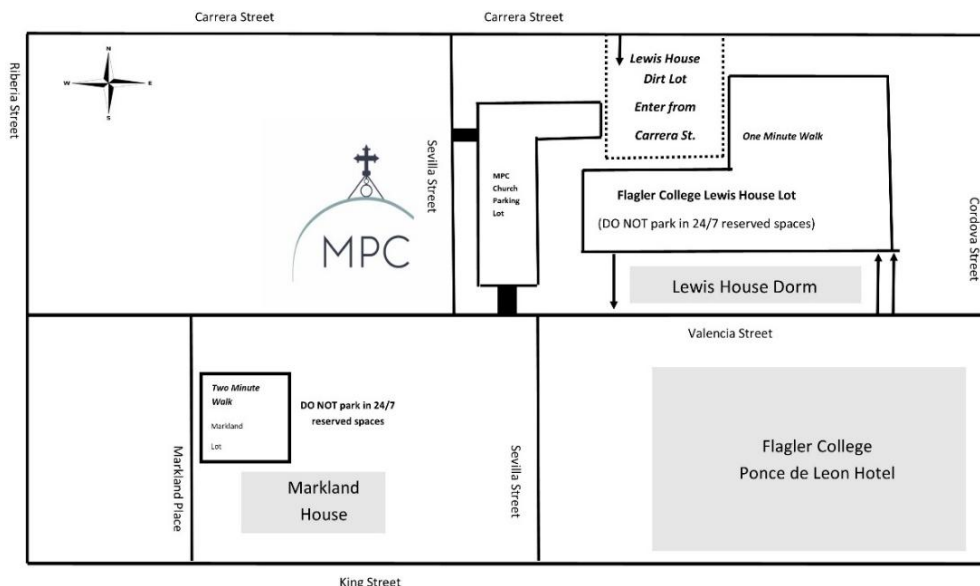
Children, Youth, and APEX Sunday School Sabbath, May 24 through August 9: On Sunday mornings during this time period, these classes will have a sabbath time without traditional Sunday School. Instead, all are invited to **Summer Sunday Fellowship** in Lewis Hall from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This allows our volunteer teachers to have a time of restoration and for families to be able to connect with one another.

Adult Sunday School:

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): **Start time – 9:40 a.m.** A study of the 4th gospel, take a spiritual walk with Jesus. Welcome to the journey, Flagler-Kenan History Room
- Spiritual Formation: "Mark, the Good News of Jesus", Come join us, enjoy, learn, grow, Lewis Hall Parlor – class meets all summer
- New Perspectives: "Being Disciples", Congregational History Room
- Christian Meditation: **Start time – 9:40 a.m.** "Meditation and Contemplative Prayer", Church Office Parlor and via Zoom (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for any questions at marccraddock@mac.com. Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 371 289 063; Passcode: 083593 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371289063?pwd=NHdCdFU2THRUbVh4ZFpWTGsyRWV5UT09>

MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:

In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis House dorm and Markland House parking lots. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings, until 12:15 pm. At times, Flagler is charging for public parking. Please let the attendant know you are attending Sunday Services at Memorial and they will not charge you.



MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 7-26-26

As we take our vision statement seriously, practicing Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality, let's remember to be welcoming to parents with children, being grateful for young ones in our church.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Amanda Noblet by Doris and Norm Noblet.

Happy Birthday to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, July 26 – August 1: Linda Baba, Wim Blee, Jack Carter, Travis Cooper, Aaran Corbett, Olive Harding, June Hill, David Hull, Jon Hunt, Laurie Johnson, Wally Kropacek, Susan Lewey, Emma Livingston, Kathie Mueller, Ryan Murphy, Krista Nicholas, Philip Perry, Nancy Reedy, Christine Reedy, Paula Rives, Ari Ryan, Amy Salvato, Stacey Scanlan, Mia Scine, Linda Simpson, Victoria Smith, Pat Summerville, Dan Weston, Dana Willets, Zane Williams

Food Bank Collection: Next week, the first Sunday of the month, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., there will be a donation box in Lewis Hall for your gifts of healthy non-perishable food, personal hygiene and home cleaning products for the Homeless Coalition. Be part of the solution! Direct questions or request a flyer with more guidance regarding desired and acceptable donation items via email to clerk@memorialpcusa.org.

Soloist: Anastasia Forrest will be helping with Worship at the 8:30 service on the first and the third Sunday of the month. The upcoming schedule is August 2 & 16; September 6 & 20.

Preschool Age Sunday School: Parents and grandparents, your preschool age child is invited to join us for Sunday School beginning **August 16!** Children ages **3, 4, and 5** (who have not yet started kindergarten) will enjoy a Bible story, craft, snack, and plenty of fun as they grow in God's love. The class meets in **Room 204** on the second floor of Lewis Hall during the Sunday School hour (**9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**) Please contact Anne Reid Broos at arbroos@memorialpcusa.org with any questions.

Children, Youth, and APEX Sunday School Kick-off: Join us on **Sunday, August 16th**, as these classes kick off for the '26-27 year! Children and Youth who don't yet have one will receive new Bibles and will have a special time of fellowship. Meet in the following locations from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Contact Anne Reid Broos with any questions at arbroos@memorialpcusa.org

- Preschool (3YO and up): Room #204
- K-2nd: Room #211
- 3rd-4th: Room #224
- 5th-6th: Room #209
- 7th to 12th: Youth Loft on 3rd Floor
- APEX Young(ish) Adults: Room #218

MPC Children's Choir Registration: Registration is open for the '26-27 Children's Choir season! Four-Year-Old through 5th grade children from our church and community are invited to join a year of music, fellowship, worship, and fun. Choir begins **Wednesday, September 9**, with rehearsals held each Wednesday from **6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** during the school year. Register at <https://bit.ly/ChildrensChoir20262027> or by scanning the QR code. Our Co-Directors, **Molly and Dustin Vaughn**, are looking forward to welcoming both new and returning singers for a wonderful year. Please contact Molly at molly.clukey@gmail.com with any questions.



“Back to School Blessing” in Worship: On **Sunday, August 16th**, during both worship services, the congregation will pray over our students, teachers, administrators, and school support staff. Students will receive a special item to remind them of the love and support of our church family throughout the school year.

Summer Choir: During the remaining Sundays of July and August, you are invited to join our choir on Sunday mornings. No weekday rehearsals involved, just music and a welcoming community of singers. This invitation is open to kids and adults. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays in the choir room to prepare the music for the 11:00 a.m. service. Whether you've sung for years, haven't sung in a while, or are simply curious, you are warmly welcome. For more information, please contact Matt Daniel at mdaniel@memorialpcusa.org.

Holiday Date Change for Home Again Meals: Home Again St. Johns will be closed on Labor Day, so the meals that we usually provide on Mondays, will be served on Wednesday, Sept. 3. As always, it would be great to have your participation in providing the meals. You can sign up for a specific food item here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AEA62EA2FBC52-64840532-home?useFullSite=true#/> For more information, contact Kris Charles at kp22wood@yahoo.com or (802)558-7200.

Church Nursery: A loving, staffed nursery is available every Sunday from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for children birth through age 5 in Lewis Hall next to the Parlor. Families are welcome to use the nursery if they choose, and children of all ages are always welcome in worship.

Summer Sunday Fellowship: During the summer months, all are invited to Lewis Hall between services, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for "Summer Sunday Fellowship." This is a casual time of intergenerational fellowship that fosters connection through the summer when some of our classes and programs don't meet. Please pop in on Sunday mornings from May 24th to August 9th. Chef Cheryl will offer complimentary continental breakfast items, juice, and coffee (additional breakfast options available to purchase) and crafts will be available for kids.

Al-Anon at MPC: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205 of Lewis Hall. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

Need Prayer? Prayer Request Cards are in the pews. Feel free to fill one out and place in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services, or you can email amycamp@memorialpcusa.org for private prayer or krissings@yahoo.com for MPC's public prayer chain.

Stephen Ministry: Our journey through hardship and suffering is difficult and challenging. Finding meaning and purpose in our hardship and suffering can be realized. Stephen Ministers are trained to aid their care receivers on their journey of discovery through hardship and suffering. For more information on receiving care please email: stephenministry@memorialpcusa.org.

Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence: *Bayview:* Bill and Verna Bacon; *The Blake at St. Johns:* Betty Hinely; *Flagler Hospital:* Chris Wollny; *The Haven at Regency Point, Rainbow City, AL:* Eileen Coleman; *Health Center, Westminster:* Bill Baker; *Westminster St. Augustine Health Center:* Roger Dunnavan; *Riverside Cottages:* Sonny Daniel, Carolyn Smith; *Silver Creek Memory Care:* Sarah Moore; *Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN:* Sue Holder

Recovering at Home: Dorothy Dornblaser, Gail Garriott, Betsy Haynes, Jon Hunt, Carol Williams

Seminarians and Candidates for Ministry: Emma Livingston, Brennan Gagnon

Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home: Commander Adam William Broos, serving at Naval Station Mayport, FL; Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums; Matthew Giles, serving at Joint Base Andrews, MD; Marsha Howell, serving in St. Augustine, FL

CHURCH CALENDAR

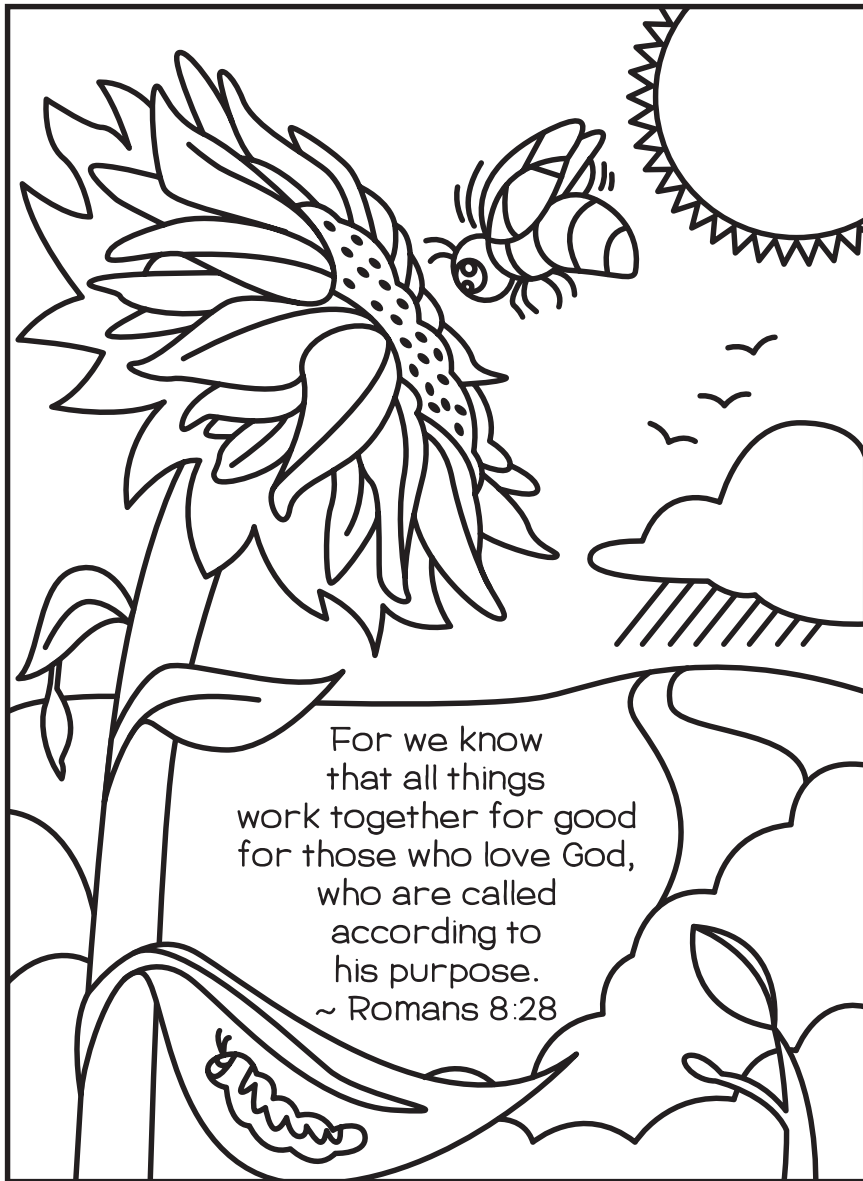
Sun. 7-26-26	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 – 3:30 pm 5:30 pm	Worship Service with Holy Communion and Anastasia Forrest Summer Sunday Fellowship – Lewis Hall Sunday School (Friendship Class and Christian Ed start at 9:40) Worship Service (also Live-streamed) Sanctuary Open for Tours Seekers Group Study – Zoom
Mon. 7-27-26	3:00 – 9:00 pm	Sacred Music Academy – LH, Nursery, Choir Room, Sanctuary
Tues. 7-28-26	8:30 – 11:00 am 9:30 – 3:30 10:00 am	Safe Families Staff Meeting – Room 218 Sanctuary Open for Tours Tuesday Al-Anon – Room 205
Wed. 7-29-26	9:30 – 3:30	Sanctuary Open for Tours
Thur. 7-30-26	9:30 – 3:30 6:00 pm	Sanctuary Open for Tours St. Johns Classical Guitar Ensemble – Lewis Hall
Fri. 7-31-26	9:30 – 3:30	Sanctuary Open for Tours
Sat. 8-1-26	8:30 am 9:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

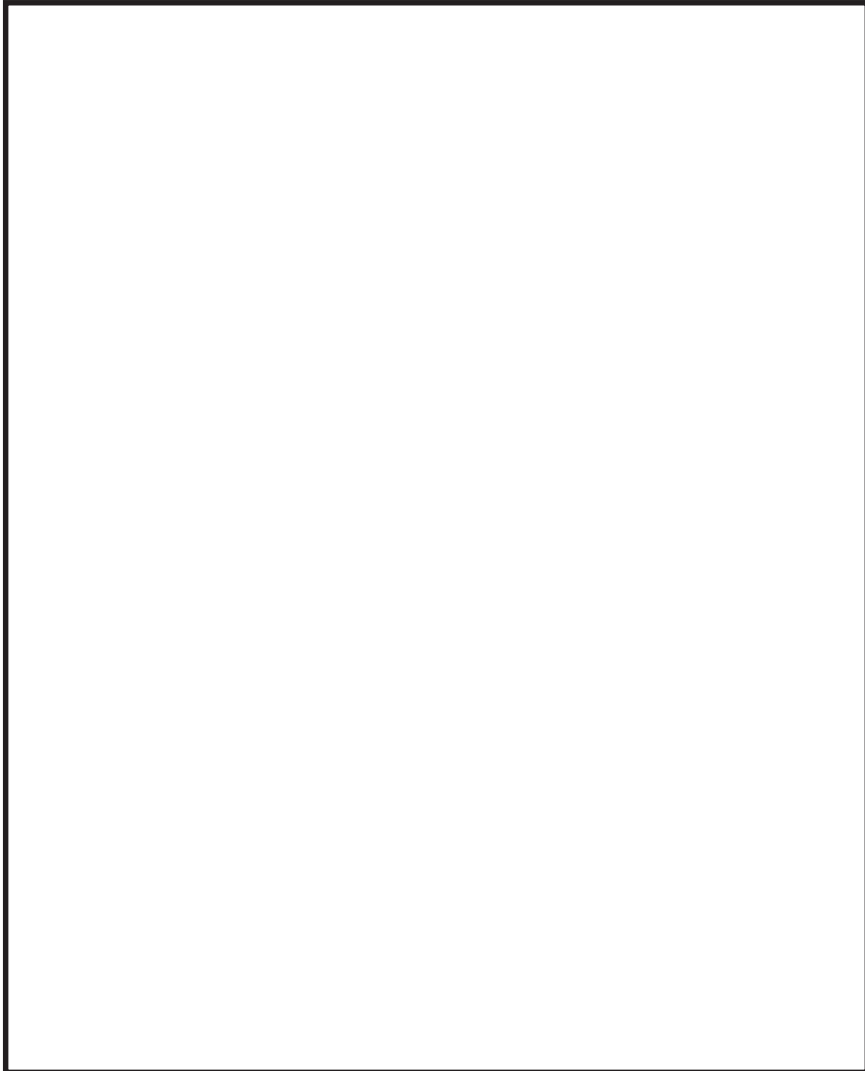
Activities based on Psalm 105:1-11, 45b, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.





DRAW IT

In Matthew 13, Jesus shares many parables describing the kingdom of heaven—a seed in a field, yeast in bread, treasure in a field, a merchant finding a pearl, and a net used to catch fish. Draw the parable you especially like.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Romans 8 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

P P T P T W T H Y R J R H I J
X A G A N H N I E A F S N O K
Z H M N S Q E Y R O Y A R P H
F E V E U T S D D I D Z X L T
K I W V O N E C O I P H H R P
G G E H I P R R W O L S E U E
Z H F J R U P E Z O G U A O D
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R U X O G U A W L O V E D D W
S V Q P S F U T S I R H C G E
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SPIRIT
PRAY
WORDS
HEARTS
GOD
GOOD

LOVE
PURPOSE
CHRIST
VICTORIOUS
LIFE
ANGELS

RULERS
PRESENT
POWERS
HEIGHT
DEPTH
CREATION