



GOOD SAMARITAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Mindy Tracy (2027)
Sandra Webb (2027)
William Wetmore (2028)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 7, 2025

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

"He Makes All Things New"

Whitehouse

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Mark Gaskill

THE GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139: 1-2, 13

One: Lord, you have searched me out and known me;

ALL: YOU KNOW MY SITTING DOWN AND MY RISING UP;

One: You discern my thoughts from afar.

ALL: YOU TRACE MY JOURNEYS AND MY RESTING PLACES

One: You are acquainted with all my ways.

ALL: I WILL THANK YOU BECAUSE I AM MARVELOUSLY MADE;

One: Your works are wonderful,

ALL: AND I KNOW IT WELL.

*HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

No. 439

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 1: 1-6

One: Happy are those who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,

ALL: NOR LINGERED IN THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOR SAT IN THE SEATS OF THE SCORNFUL!

One: Their delight is in the Law of the Lord,

ALL: THEY MEDITATE ON HIS LAW DAY AND NIGHT.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,

ALL: WITH LEAVES THAT DO NOT WITHER; EVERYTHING THEY DO SHALL PROSPER.

One: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

ALL: THEREFORE THE WICKED SHALL NOT STAND UPRIGHT WHEN THE JUDGMENT COMES,

One: Nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

ALL: FOR THE LORD KNOWS THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS,

One: But the way of the wicked is doomed.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

"Come to the Table"

See insert

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14: 25-33

SERMON

Choose Life

Rev. Mark Gaskill

THE SACRAMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

***HYMN**

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

No. 510

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Postludium"

Beethoven

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader May the Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*Please stand if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNNEL CAKES AT THE FAIR

Starting this Thursday – Good Samaritan starts selling funnel cakes at the Charles County Fair. We are still in need of volunteers to help with this important fundraising event. **Please take a look at the sign-up sheets in the narthex**, please sign-up or email if you are able to volunteer. If you have any questions, please call the church office or John Holmes.

SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER SHELTER DINNERS

Please sign up in the narthex to assist the coordinators/volunteers for the September 21st and October 19th dinners. Sally Brandt is coordinating the September dinner and Charlotte Mandragos is the coordinator for the October dinner. Both months the coordinators are in need of volunteers to help with the meal. Please sign up in the narthex if you can assist.

NEXT GAME NIGHT – SEPTEMBER 20th

We will continue Game Nights throughout the year. Our next game night will be Sept. 20th, from 5:00 - 8:00. Bring your favorite game, a snack to share, and some friends. Come have some fun!

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30: 15-20

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God^[a] that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

SECOND READING: LUKE 14: 25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my

disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Come to the Table

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in.

This is where grace begins.

We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give.

Oh the shape that we were in.

And just when all hope seemed lost,
love opened the door for us. He said,

Chorus

Come to the table.

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior.

Come down and be set free.

Come to the table.

Come meet this motley crew of misfits,
these liars and these thieves.

No one's unwelcome here.

That sin and shame you brought with you,
you can leave 'em at the door
and let mercy draw you near. So, (chorus)

To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward,
To the prisoner and the soldier, to the young and to the older,
All who hunger, all who thirst, all the last and all the first,
All the paupers and the princes, all who fail you've been forgiven.
All who dream and all who suffer, all who loved and lost another,
All the chained and all the free, all who follow, all who lead,
Anyone who's been let down, all the lost you have been found,
All who've been labeled right or wrong, to everyone who hears this song. Oh...
(chorus)

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*The flowers on the Retable this morning are given by Loann Burian
in celebration of fall family birthdays.*

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Today's Volunteers: *Greeter:* Bill Wetmore; *Ushers:* Bill Koennel and Jim
Kriebel; *Scripture Reader:* Megan Howell

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TODAY

Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship Service at 10:00 AM

THIS WEEK

Mon. (Sept. 8):	Crafters
Tues. (Sept. 9):	9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study
Thurs. (Sept. 11):	Funnel Cakes at the Fair
Fri. (Sept. 12):	Funnel Cakes at the Fair
Sat. (Sept. 13):	Funnel Cakes at the Fair

COMING SOON

Game Night on Saturday, Sept. 20