



# **balmoral presbyterian church**



August 17, 2025

## **service of worship**

9th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am

**Chiming of the Hour**

Bells of Balmoral

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Elizabeth Dick

### ***GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE***

**Prelude**

"Be Still My Soul"

arr. by James D. Kimball

Bells of Balmoral

**\*Call to Worship**

Erich Shultz, Liturgist

Leader: Let us join our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God.

**People: Praise be to God.**

Leader: Let us open our minds that we might understand the difficult sayings of our Lord.

**People: Lord, help us to understand.**

Leader: Come, let us worship together as we draw near to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**\*Gathering Song 386**

"Come, Worship God"

O QUANTA QUALIA

**Prayer of Confession**

**O God, we know that we should remain faithful to your will, but there are times when it seems this will require a cost we are not prepared to pay. Help us, we pray, to understand what a total commitment means, and why it is so important in our lives and to your kingdom.**

*(Time of silence to lift personal confessions)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Congregational Response Hymn**

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever will be,**

**World without end. Amen. Amen**

**Share the Peace of Christ**

**Special Music**

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

arr. by Karen Lakey Buckwalter

Bells of Balmoral, Frank Carney, pianist

### ***HEARING THE WORD***

**Children's Message**

**Invitation to Centering Silence**

*Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading from the Psalms**

Psalm 67

**Gospel Reading**

John 5:1-9

**Sermon**

Welcoming the New Season

**Silent Reflection**

*In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.*

**\*Song of Response 772**

"Live Into Hope"

TRURO

### ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

**Affirmation of Faith**     *(Brief Statement of Faith (11.1, 11.5, & 11.6))*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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

### **Prayers of Intercession**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Offering**

*Please place tithes and offerings in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry. Pass the Friendship Pads along the row, then pass it back down the row and greet those in your row after worship.*

#### **Offertory**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

by Lowell Mason

Frank Carney, organist

#### **\*Hymn 710**

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord use our voices; Lord use our hands; Lord use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering; we are an offering.**

## Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

### **\*Sending Song 767**

“Together We Serve”

SAN ANSELMO

### Charge and Blessing

### **\*Benediction Response**

“Lord Let Us Leave Now”

OLD ENGLISH TUNE

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew,  
and pledged to Your service in all that we do.  
Though we have some questions, our faith in You is sure.  
We know You are with us, Your way will endure.  
Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew,  
and pledged to Your service in all that we do.**

### Postlude

“Processional”

by John Stanley

Frank Carney, organist

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- \* indicates those who are able, please stand

**REMEMBER to WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!**

**OUR MISSION:**

***We are an open community who believes God is love and  
who lives our belief through praise and service.***



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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Hooker (19); Barry Dotson (26)

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Frank & Janice Carney (19);  
Ted & Janie Pearson (21); Rick & Connie Pride (21)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to the Bells of Balmoral, directed by Lynn Ward, Frank Carney, organist & pianist, and Mary Schmitz, Liturgist. And we thank Rev. Elizabeth Dick for leading our worship this morning!
- **EARTH CARE TIP of the MONTH for AUGUST:** use garbage paper (ie: backs of envelopes, backs of paper no longer needed) as scratchpads for notes, lists, etc.
- **CREATION STATION:** BPC loves the children to be a part of our worship service. We invite families to allow children to join at our Creation Station which is located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that a responsible adult sit in the back row in case a need arises.
- **PASTOR OUT OF TOWN:** Pastor Mark will be out of town August 15-18. If you are in need of pastor care, contact Pastor Elizabeth at 314-330-0506. For all other needs, contact the Clerk of Session, Jan Kaplan at 901-277-4267.
- **PRESBYTERY OFFICE:** The Presbytery of the Mid-South office has officially moved to our building. This means that there will be an increase in some activity and more meetings held in our building. Please be sure that you are checking with the church office prior to making any shifts or additions to meetings. Classroom A, Classroom B, the choir room, the sanctuary, and the fellowship area all may have meetings scheduled.
- **REPAIR FUND:** Remember to prayerfully consider what gift you might be able to give to our HVAC & Roof Repair Fund Replenishment. Make your donation today online or with a check marked "Repair Fund."
- **CONGREGATIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT:** You have seen the save the date announcements in the newsletter. Now it is time to sign up to participate. Our congregational spiritual retreat will be held **Friday, September 12-Saturday, September 13** at St Columba Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center in Memphis. This is an overnight retreat beginning at 4 pm on Friday and ending at 2 pm on Saturday. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex or you can contact Pastor Mark at [pastormark@balmoralpc.com](mailto:pastormark@balmoralpc.com). **The deadline to sign up is Friday, September 5.**

- **TIME WITH BEES:** As part of our community garden initiative and earth care pledge, we are exploring the possibility of adding beehives on our property. To do this, we will need a beekeeper to volunteer 5 to 10 hours per month. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Jan Kaplan at 901-277-4267.
- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
  - The Food Pantry needs staples from our Food Cart!
  - Supplies for the Hospitality bags
  - Place used toothbrushes & empty toothpaste in the box in the Food Cart for recycling.
- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR: (*see the BPC website for more information!*)**
  - **TUESDAYS with TED** meets every Tuesday, 8:00am. at Cracker Barrel on Hacks Cross Rd.
  - **CHAIR YOGA** meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30pm in Classroom B
  - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the sanctuary
  - **PASTOR OUT OF TOWN** Friday, August 15 thru Monday, August 18
  - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, August 17, 11:00am
  - **WRITER'S CIRCLE**, Monday, August 18, 1:00pm in Classroom A
  - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, August 21, 10:15am in Classroom A
  - **SESSION SPIRITUAL RETREAT**, Fri 8/22/2025, 4:00 PM to Sat 8/23/2025, 4:00 PM, St. Columba Episcopal Camp & Retreat Center
  - **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY**, Saturday, August 23, 9:00am, Pinecrest Camp Retreat Center
  - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, August 24, 11:00am
  - **SANDWICH-MAKING PROJECT**, Sunday, August 24, after worship in Classroom A
  - **SESSION MEETING**, Sunday, August 24, 12:30pm in Classroom A
  - **CHOIR MEETING**, Wednesday, August 27, 7:00pm in the Choir room
  - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, August 31, 11:00am
  - **OFFICE CLOSED for LABOR DAY**, Monday, September 1, all day
  - **PW BIBLE STUDY**, Wednesday, September 3, 10:30am in Classroom A
  - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING**, Wednesday, September 3, 4:00pm in Classroom A
  - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, September 4, 10:15am in Classroom A