



balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship



July 27, 2025

7th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark Howland

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Peter Cutts

Linda Warren, pianist

Setting by John Carter

***Call to Worship**

Lorie Blackwelder, Liturgist

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

People: We come with gladness to worship and praise the Lord our God.

Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

People: We give thanks to God for the gift of life, for the call to serve, and for the blessing of this day.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's;
we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

**People: We are called to follow, to serve, and to live in the love and grace of God.
Let us worship God together.**

***Gathering Song 415**

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

RESTORATION

Prayer of Confession

God of steadfast love, you call us to serve and love you alone; yet we bow to interests of wealth and power, and long after that which does not last. Still you claim us as your own, ever calling us back to yourself. We too often come to you in prayer only when we are panicking or we desperately want something. We often do not even know what to pray for or about. Prayer becomes a task to check off instead of a deep conversation with you where we actually listen as well as talk. In mercy, heal our ways. Restore us to live and pray as you intend. In steadfast love and faithfulness, in righteousness and peace; let us live out our lives. May we display to the world around us the glory of your coming kingdom, where your will is done, on earth as it is in heaven.

(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

"Praising the Lord"

Bob Walkup

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 138

Gospel Reading Luke 11:1-13

Sermon What to Pray For

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Song of Response 469 (*sing 3 times*)** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

CHILDREN PRAYING

Reception of New Member

Presentation

Renunciations

Profession

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Welcome

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

"Standin' in the Need of Prayer"

African-American Spiritual

Linda Warren, pianist

arr. Kurt Kaiser

*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 741 (vs. 1, 2,-3, and 6)

"Guide My Feet"

GUIDE MY FEET

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

"Sonatina" Allegro, Op. 55, No.1

Friedrich Kuhlau

Linda Warren, pianist

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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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BIRTHDAYS

JULY: Scott Hill (28); Renee Mitchell (29); Erich Shultz (30)

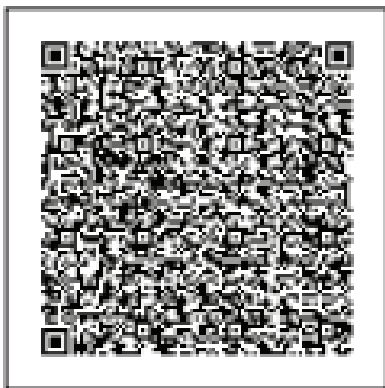
AUGUST: Scott Dawson (2); Mary Schmitz (2); Jan Kaplan (4); Margaret Mullins (9);
Lori Lucas (14); Beverly Hooker (19); Barry Dotson (26)

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

William & Linda Warren (12); 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 Linda Warren, pianist, Lorie Blackwelder, Liturgist, Eli Gurlen, drama participant, Jane and Tom Schneider providing the special music.
- **EARTH CARE TIP of the MONTH for JULY:** refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle plastics:
 - avoid single use products including styrofoam
 - reuse to-go containers, other plastic containers
- **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.
- **COFFEE-TIME SNACKS:** Don't forget to sign up for coffee-time snacks!
- **TEXAS HILL COUNTRY FLOODING:** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is coordinating a response with the Synod of the Sun Partnership for Disaster Recovery and Mission Presbytery following flash flooding in the Texas Hill Country that resulted in more than 100 lives lost. The response includes support for Mission Presbytery staff and volunteers, material aid such as flood buckets and more. Recovery work is ongoing, and assessment of the long-term needs is just beginning. **GIVE:** Scan the QR code to give online, or go online to <https://pcusa.org/donate/dr000191-disaster-relief-us-flooding>, or call 1-800-728-7228 ext.5885 or mail a check.



- **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 A
 - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the sanctuary from now until the end of August
 - **(SUNDAY STUDIES will not meet until Fall)**
 - **SANDWICH-MAKING PROJECT**, Sunday, July 27, after worship in Classroom A
 - **FORMATION TEAM MEETING**, Friday, August 1, 1:00pm in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, August 3, 11:00am
 - **WORSHIP TEAM MEETING**, Sunday, August 3, 12:15pm in Classroom A
 - **WRITER'S CIRCLE**, Monday, August 4, 1:00pm in Classroom A
 - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING**, Wednesday, August 6, 4:00pm in Classroom A
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, August 7, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, August 10, 11:00am
 - **LUNCH WITH MARK**, August 10, 12:30pm in Classroom A
 - **BOOK CLUB**, August 12, 1:30pm in Classroom A (meeting will begin right after the Chair Yoga class)
 - **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; @ Sanders Lodge
 - **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 the Upstairs Classroom