

Wonder Church

September 6, 2026

The 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

GATHERING MUSIC

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee

Please stand as you are able to sing.

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

2 All Your works with joy surround You, Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Praising You eternally!

3 Always giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother, Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

THE COLLECT

Remain standing. We say the words together.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READING:**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM:**Psalms 119:33-40**

The Psalm will be read responsively by verse.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 19:15-20

Stand as you are able.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Discussion and Homily

Rev. Bob Farrow

THE CREED

Please stand as you are able. We say the words in bold together.

We believe in God, **our Father in heaven.**

We believe in God, **who made the world.**

We believe in God, **who gives us life and helps us grow.**

We believe in Jesus, **the son of God and the son of Mary.**

We believe in Jesus, **who shows us that God is love.**

We believe in Jesus, **who lived and died for us.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, **who helps us love others.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, **who makes us holy.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, **who helps us to know God.**

We are God's family, **the church.**

We are God's family, **forgiven through Jesus Christ.**

We are God's family, **at home with God for ever and ever. AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people stand or kneel as they are able.

God calls us to follow Jesus. On the way, let us join all the disciples everywhere and pray in the love of God:

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of our creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Linda, Nonie, John, Joshua and the family of baby Gianna, Doris, Eleanor, Ann and the family of Paul, Makenzlee, Michael, Scott, Kim, Bob, David, and Hollis.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

THE CONFESSION

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

In thought, word, and deed.

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **AMEN.**

EXCHANGE THE PEACE

All stand for the peace.

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays: Drucy Cox, Annabelle Hughes, Linda Sawyer, Mike Hartenstine, Abbie McMurtry, Charlotte Winsness

September Anniversaries: Martha & Kelly Dimon, Charles & Lynn Norris

OFFERTORY

It's the first Sunday of the month! All loose offerings will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. One of the ways we share the love of Christ for all people is by assisting our Harris County neighbors with rent and utilities. The need is always great; please consider a small contribution.

OFFERTORY HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The Presentation

Please stand as you are able for the presentation of the offering.

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Eucharistic Prayer - Adapted Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People. And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you, Father, Creator of all.
You made everything and you made us. You called us to new life in Jesus. And so
we praise you, singing with the angels, and the saints, and all of heaven:

Sanctus

Hymnal S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. ____

The Celebrant continues

Holy Father, you love us so much, you made us to be with you; and even when we all turned away from you and your love, you came toward us. You sent Jesus, your Son, who became human, like us. Jesus said such amazing things and did such wonderful things, that people began to follow him. He turned us back to you.

On the night before Jesus died on the cross, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

Then he lifted up the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with them, and said, "Take, drink, this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

So, let's celebrate the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Holy Spirit, make these gifts holy, to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and never-ending life in him. Make us holy too, so we can receive the bread and wine and live in peace.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together in the words Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. AMEN.**

BREAK THE BREAD

Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast, alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN

Servant Song

This hymn will be performed by Kevin Anderson

SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

All people are invited to receive Communion. Extend two hands if you wish to receive the bread and the wine; one hand if you want bread only. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. The clergy will stand by the first pews and you can make your way to them to receive communion and then return to your pews.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Standing or kneeling.

Loving God,
we give you thanks for feeding us with spiritual food,
the bread of life and cup of salvation,

Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people

forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may share your love and joy

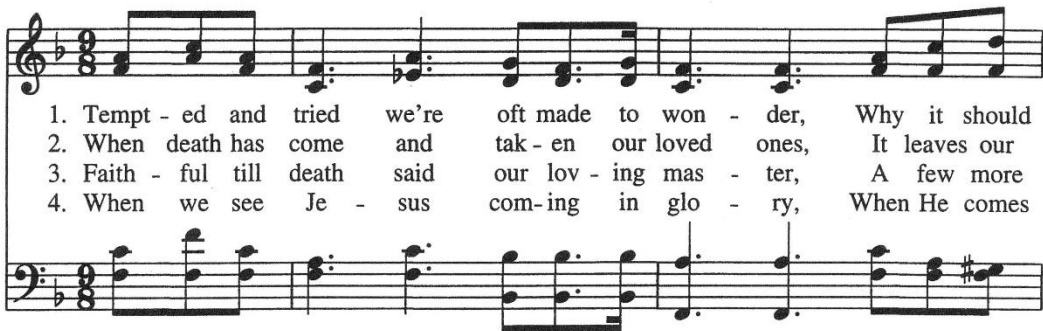
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN.

BLESSING

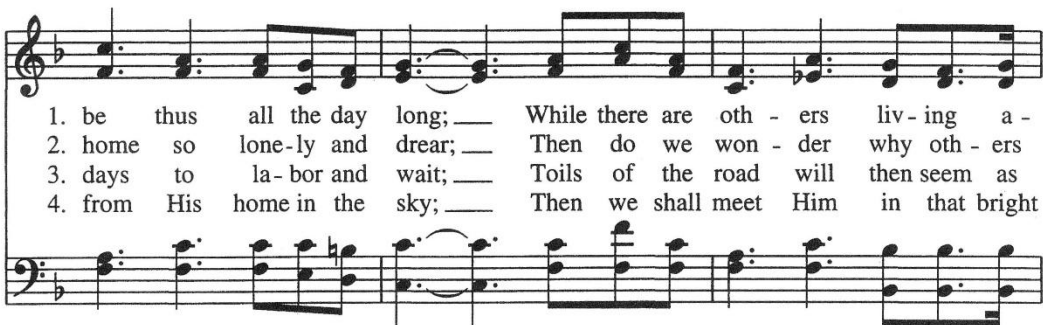
Please stand for the blessing.

CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance



1. Tempt - ed and tried we're oft made to won - der, Why it should
2. When death has come and tak - en our loved ones, It leaves our
3. Faith - ful till death said our lov - ing mas - ter, A few more
4. When we see Je - sus com-ing in glo - ry, When He comes



1. be thus all the day long; — While there are oth - ers liv - ing a -
2. home so lone - ly and drear; — Then do we won - der why oth - ers
3. days to la - bor and wait; — Toils of the road will then seem as
4. from His home in the sky; — Then we shall meet Him in that bright

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1. bout us, Nev-er mo-lest-ed though in the wrong. ____
 2. pros-per, Liv-ing so wick-ed year af-ter year. ____
 3. noth-ing, As we sweep through the beau-ti-ful gate. ____
 4. man-sion, We'll un-der-stand it all by and by. ____

Far-ther a-long we'll know all a-bout it, Far-ther a-

long we'll un-der-stand why; ____ Cheerup, don't wor-ry, live in the

sun-shine, We'll un-der-stand it all by and by. ____

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DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Jay and Riley-Anne Johnson are celebrating their 25th Anniversary with their church family today!

Join us for lunch in the Parish Hall.

St. Nicholas' mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.

Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Linda and her husband Sterling (from Christian Valley Church), Nonie Bueche, John Wilson, Joshua Freese and the grieving family of baby Gianna, Doris McCulloh, Eleanor Russell, Ann Johnston and the grieving family of Paul Johnston, Makenzlee Green, Michael Davis, Scott Jarrette, Kim Stokes, Rev. Bob Farrow, David Mullins, and Hollis Hale. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, and Mary Butcher.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

VESTRY

Drucye Cox, *Senior Warden*
Linda Pace, *Junior Warden*
Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry,
and Steve Morse
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: Margaret Zachry
Ushers: Charles & Lynn Norris
Virtual Ministers: William Morgan
& Steve Morse
Eucharistic Minister: John Brent
Flowers: Barbara Bradley

UPCOMING DATES

SEP 7: Labor Day (office closed)
SEP 16: Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation 3:00 p.m.
SEP 20: Vestry meeting
SEP 23 - 29: Erin Vacation (office closed)
SEP 30: Game Day! 3:00 p.m.

Want to help with our **El Refugio ministry** but can't make it down to Lumpkin?

They need gas cards! The hospitality house offers \$25 cards to families who may be straining their budget to make the trip to Stewart Detention Center. Any station you see in the Columbus or Atlanta area is just fine. Get your cards/donations to Margaret Zachry or Erin Renfroe.

The El Refugio ministry is our small but mighty response to the need recognized by our diocese: for more humanity in our immigration policies. El Refugio is a lovely historic home in Lumpkin that provides a place for families visiting loved ones imprisoned at the Stewart County Detention Center to spend the night, get a meal, or just take a break from the *ice-y* bureaucracy in a warm and home-like environment. St. Nicholas sends volunteers on Sunday afternoons to do laundry and household chores, but there are plenty of ways to help.



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Blessing of the Animals

69 MOBLEY ROAD • HAMILTON, GA

OCTOBER 4, 2026

5:00 P.M.

LOW COUNTRY

LET THE GOOD TIMES



*Let the Good Times Boil
at St. Nicholas Church!*

**Good food. Live music. Family fun.
And the warmth of community spirit.**

Join us as we share stories, make new
friends, and come together to raise
funds for St. Nicholas!

\$65 per adult.

Low Country Boil Buffet Dinner

Saturday, October 17

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church (outdoors)
69 Mobley Road, Hamilton

5:00 Family Fun & Fellowship
Games for kids and big kids!
Live Music with Lee Daniel
50/50 Raffle

6:00 Dinner catered by Chef Chris
of J's Catch Market & Grill

Traditional Low Country Boil

Shrimp, Sausage, Corn on the Cob, and Seasoned Potatoes
or Pork Tenderloin, Corn on the Cob, and Seasoned Potatoes
Fresh, warm Beignets for dessert!
Tea and Lemonade. Cash bar.

\$5 Kids Plate: Hot dog, Chips, Fruit and Ice Cream



**Make your reservations online
at www.stnicholashamilton.org
or by phone: 706-587-3243**

Reservation deadline: October 12