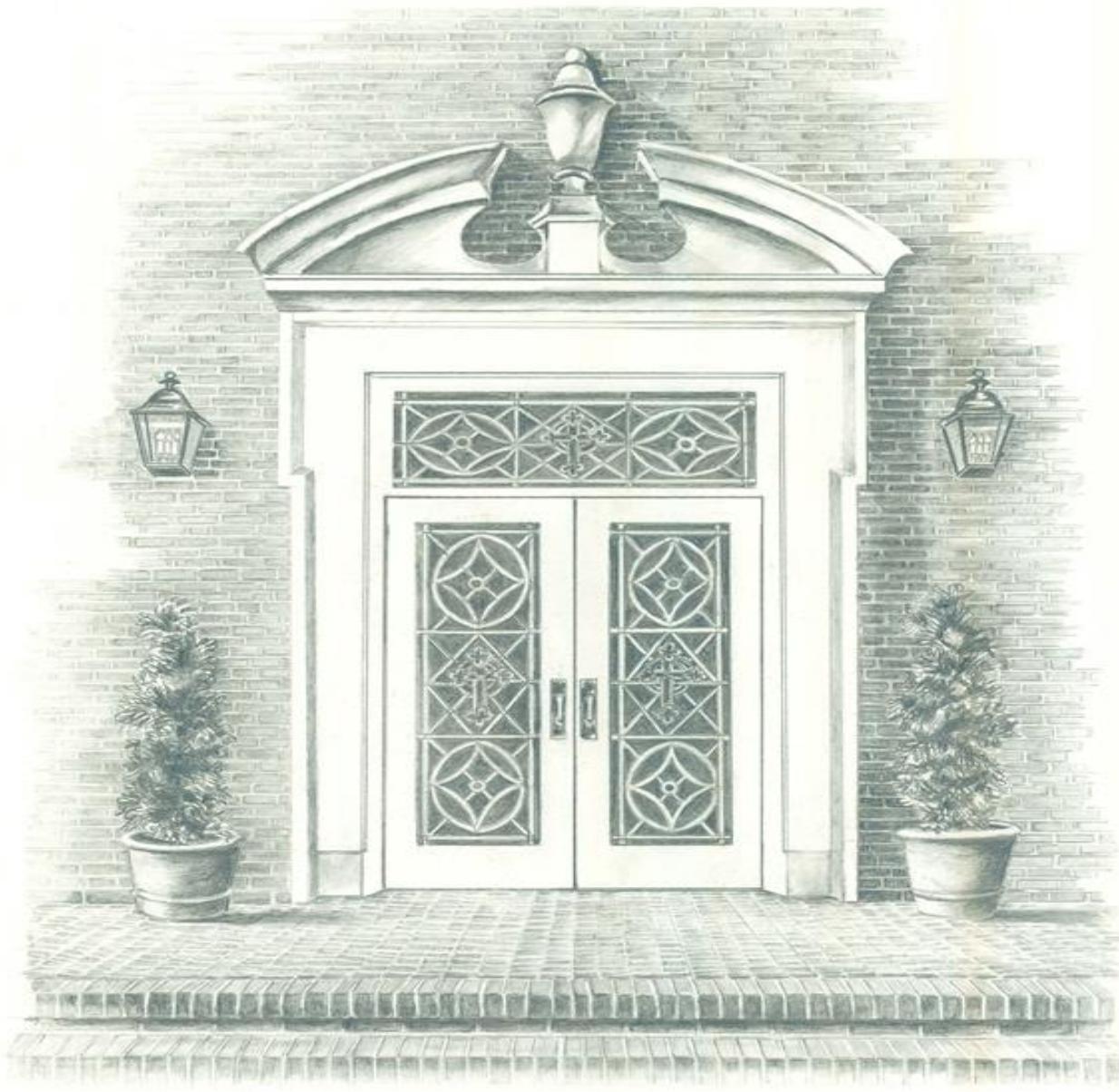


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“Welcome one another, as Christ has welcomed you.”
Romans 15:7

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**BEGINNING THE WEEK ON A MOUNTaintop WITH GOD
THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "Cantilena" Charity Boyles

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT "The Light of the Lord Is Upon You" Donald Moore

The light of the Lord is upon us, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP Mark Ezekiel

One: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;
Many: **Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.**
One: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.
Many: **Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**
One: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.
Many: **Our God tells us if we want to be first, we need to go to the end of the line.**

HYMN NO. 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

CALL TO REPENTANCE Mark Ezekiel

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (*Unison*)

We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus, Wisdom from on high. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict. Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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 shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

THE PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

*Pastor: ...The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.*

(The people may greet one another in peace.)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Ezekiel

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Unison: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Arise, O God, and Shine"

Gordon Young

*Arise, O God, and shine, in all Thy saving might,
and proper each design to spread Thy glorious light:
Let healing streams of mercy flow, that all the earth Thy truth may know.
Bring distant nations near, to sing Thy glorious praise;
let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways!
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause, and govern by Thy righteous laws!
To God the only wise, the one immortal King, let hallelujahs rise
from every living thing: let all that breathe, on every coast,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Unison: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON
SILENT REFLECTION

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Directory for Worship in the Book of Order*

Christian worship gives all glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving to the holy, triune God. We are gathered in worship to glorify the God who is present and active among us – particularly through the gifts of Word and Sacrament. We are sent out in service to glorify the same God who is present and active in the world. God acts with grace; we respond with gratitude. God claims us as beloved children; we proclaim God's saving love. God redeems us from sin and death; we rejoice in the gift of new life. This rhythm of divine action and human response – found throughout Scripture, human history, and everyday events – shapes all of Christian faith, life, and worship.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN NO. 264

"At the Name of Jesus"

KING'S WESTON

*At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

*Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.*

*Bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast, filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.*

*Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

All join the Pastor in saying, "**Alleluia! Amen.**"

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

DANISH AMEN

POSTLUDE

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

Gordon Young

Prayer Concerns

- Day School Teacher, Amy Grimes and family at the loss of her husband, Tom

Announcements

Children's Bulletins and Large Print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the narthex.

Sunday School Classes for all ages, 9:15 AM.

Campfire Church begins tonight. We will begin a new worship experience on the north field in the newly constructed stone fire ring. The fire will start about 5:30, with worship beginning at 6:00. We hope you will come enjoy a time of song, prayer, and reflection. Bring a lawn chair ... and stick around afterwards for a S'more!

A Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, September 26th, immediately following the 10:30 worship service for the purpose of (1) electing six Elders to the Session's Class of 2024 (**Chris Coley, Charles Edwards Sheri Hall, Janet Nebrig, Erika Raper and George Thagard**); (2) one Elder to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2022 (**Claire Hopkins Allman**), (3) electing one of the six nominated as a Trustee for 2024 (**Janet Nebrig**); (4) electing three congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee (**J Benoit, Betsy Murphy, Patrick Riley**); and (5) any business related to those actions. Elder bios will be available soon.

The Men of the Church are invited to a Bible Study at Shadys Valley Presbyterian **Friday, September 24th at 7:00 AM**. The study will take place in their Fellowship Hall and will be on "New Beginnings," a study from the Book of Genesis. They are generally done by 8:00 AM. Masks are required. If you are interested in attending, please contact Betsy Murphy at (205) 822-1124.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected next Sunday. The people of Southminster will join Christians around the world as we collect this offering in our efforts to reduce the suffering which results from violence and illness. Help the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) promote peace in the name of the Prince of Peace. Offering envelopes can be found in your bulletin or checks can be made to Southminster and earmarked Peace and Global Witness.

We are now packing 30 weekend food bags for children in need at **Vestavia West Elementary**. Thank you for your overwhelming response thus far! If you would like to help with the food donations, we have created an Amazon Wishlist where you can go online and order and the food will ship directly to Southminster. The link is: [Amazon Vestavia West Wish List](#). Also, we have a food packing station set up outside of the Church Office. After Sunday School or worship, if you would like to pack a bag, that would be very helpful. Questions? Ask Robert Newman or call the Church Office. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ as we serve those in need!

If you would like to place **Flowers in the Sanctuary** on a Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Betsy Murphy in the Church Office at (205) 822-1124.

Mark your calendars for the **Southminster Scamper, Saturday, October 23rd!** Go to [www.southminsterpcusa.org](#) to sign up. The link will direct you to sign up for the 5K race (\$35) the Kids Fun Run (\$20), or the Sleep-In (\$25) which is for those who don't want to run but would still like to contribute to the cause. The proceeds will go to The WellHouse and the Southminster Day School Scholarship Fund.

To get camper's attention at **Living River**, a leader calls out "God is good," and the group responds, "all the time." The leader then responds, "All the time," and the group responds, "God is good!" After this everyone knows to listen and pay attention. Try this in your Sunday School or Choir to get folks' attention.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19TH – 26TH

Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 AM	The Service for the Lord's Day – Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	BYG – Lower Parking Lot
	5:30 PM	Campfire Church – Upper Field
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Rotary Club – Grace Hall
Thursday	10:00 AM	Bible Study led by Margaret Northern – Grace Hall
Friday	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study at Shady Valley
	9:00 AM	Day School Chapel – Sanctuary
Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 AM	The Service for the Lord's Day – Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	BYG – Lower Parking Lot
	5:30 PM	Campfire Church – Upper Field

THE CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson	Pastor
Robert Newman	Program Director
Dr. Larry E. Hardin	Director of Music Ministry
David Renaker	Organist
Jeanie Covin	Director of Day School
Betsy Murphy	Church Administrator
Dereck Stewart	Sexton

THE SOUTHMINSTER SESSION

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