

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Sara Kaczmarksi, Spiritual Growth Assistant

William Bennett, Director of Music

Jim Moore, Organist

Chancel Choir

Liturgists: 8:45 am—Zachary Storti 11:00 am—John Crofts

Elder-in-Charge: 8:45 am—Hunter Harris 11:00 am—Jade Hill

Ushers: 8:45 am—Pat Tolbert, Julie McCormick, Claude & Ellen Burns

11:00 am—Merrilyn Long, Jay Johnson, Skip & Rosanne Feters

WELCOME

We welcome you to worship this morning! Please fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. A map of our campus is available in the pew racks. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to Lanneau Hall following the service to visit the Welcome Center. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Children and Nursery: Nursery is available in Room 103. We kindly ask that children 5 and above not be dropped off in the nursery. Please ask an usher for a pew pal to help occupy your child during the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Meier at summervillepresnursery@gmail.com

Flowers—The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by the family of Joe Meachum in memory of Joe.

Offerings can also be made through the Giving tab at summervillepres.org, scanning the QR code to the right through the Abundant Giving app from Google Play or the Apple Store. Set up your account and choose Summerville Presbyterian Church.



Staff, Elders and Deacons—A listing of staff and SPC ministry leaders can be found in the vestibules and welcome centers.

SUNDAYS

8:30 am-12:15 pm—Nursery (Room 103)

8:45 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

9:45 am—Coffee Fellowship (Lanneau Hall)

10:00 am—Contemporary Service (Gym)

10:00 am—Sunday School

Pre-Readers – Room 102

Readers – Room 104

Tweens – Room 303

High School – Room 301 (starting Sept. 6!)

Under the Hill (The Chosen) – Room 107

Genesis (The Wired Word) – Room 101

Seekers (Sermon on the Mount) – Room 201

11:00 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 am—Contemporary Small Group (Room 304)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Night Live begins September 16!

5:30 Dinner, 6:30 pm Class

(childcare available upon request)

The Apostles' Creed—Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert

“To Be or not to Be.” The Vital Link Between Suffering

and Personal Salvation—Facilitated by Dr. Andy Shaver

Reserve dinner and sign up for a class on the connection card or office

Sept. 16 Menu: potluck sides and desserts, with fried chicken provided

RISE Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event in the SPC Gym!

Thursday, October 15 from 6-8 pm. Sign-up by using the QR code to the right, contact the church office or fill out the back of your connection card.



GriefShare Thursdays: A new cycle of GriefShare runs through Thursday, December 3.

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominees to serve as elders and deacons for three-year terms beginning in February 2027. Nomination forms are in the church office, at the welcome centers, or online. Members: Oden Semones, Sharlene Douthit-Schneidmuller, Zachary Storti, Barb Grube, Sharon Klein, Merrilyn Long and Henk van der Meyden

Joy Kids (K-4th grade) - New meeting date! Starting Sept 14, Joy Kids will meet Mondays from 5:30-7:00 pm in Lanneau Hall. Dinner will be served!

MMO Snack Donations Needed: Pretzels, Goldfish, applesauce pouches, animal crackers, crackers, fruit cups and chips. We are always encouraging the children to try new things, so anything nut-free is wonderful!

World Communion Sunday, October 4: Offering will go to the MacKay Mission to help with their outreach called the Ña Duku' Rumi Basketball Academy in Oaxaca, Mexico. We have more information in the eblasts and newsletter.

Save the Date for the Blessing of the Animals! This annual event will be held on Sunday, October 4 at 5:00 pm. Location TBD.

SPC is hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** is on Friday, September 25th noon-5:00 pm in Lanneau Hall.

Pastor Appreciation day will be held on Sunday, October 11 during the coffee Fellowship time. Please bring cards to Julie McCormick prior to October 11.



Week 38 September 12-18

1 Thessalonians 4—2 Thessalonians 3

If you have a question contact Pastor Ralph

Herbert at ralphherbert53@gmail.com



SUMMERVILLE
Presbyterian Church

Share Christ, Serve Others, Grow Together in Faith

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 13, 2026

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GATHERING

Please prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.

“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

Prelude: “Be Thou My Vision”

Jim Moore, Organist

Irish Ballad

Welcome and Announcements:

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Minute for Mission:

Stewardship

8:45 am—Diana Barth 11:00 am—Ellen Burns

***Call to Worship:**

The world finds no proof of God.

But the heavens tell of God's glory.

God's message is foolishness to the world.

But God's folly trumps human wisdom.

The freedom of the world brings us death.

But obedience to God's ways brings life.

We gather in the name of Christ crucified.

The Word made flesh brings life to God's people!

***Opening Hymn:** #174 - “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

MADELEINE

***Confession and Pardon:**
When we face the foolish wisdom of the cross;
we constantly seek another way.
In our prayer of confession,
God meets us in our disbelieving
And moves us gently into the deep waters of faith.

Merciful God,
we confess our bewilderment
over the presence of any wisdom at all
in such a dreadful act as the crucifixion of Jesus.
Yet, we are reminded it was an act of powerful and sacrificial love,
and that in the end, good did triumph over evil, life defeated death.
And so, forgive us, O God,
when we become so influenced by the wisdom of the world
that we seek intellectual certainty as proof of your existence.
Forgive our reluctance, O God,
to proclaim with our lips and our lives
that the crucified Christ is Lord,
and help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders
such proclamation of our faith.

(Time for silent confession)

Song of Assurance: “Lord Have Mercy”
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. Jesus Christ became for us righteousness, holiness and redemption. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Song of Praise:** “Glory Be to the Father”
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.

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ 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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Church Family Moment: Sara Kaczmarksi

Prayer of Illumination:
Gracious and Holy God,
give us wisdom to recognize You, intelligence to understand You,
diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You,
eyes to see You, a heart to meditate on You, and a life to proclaim You,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 14:1-6
1 Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”
They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.
2 The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.
3 They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good,
no, not one.
4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread
and do not call upon the Lord?
5 There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous.
6 You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Musical Offering: “Be Thou My Vision”
8:45 am—William Bennett, Soloist
11:00 am—Chancel Choir
Alice Parker

***Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Reflection Hymn:** #307 - “God of Grace and God of Glory”
CWM RHONDDA

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
19 For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?
21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.
22 For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,
23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,
24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
25 For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Sermon: “What a Fool Believes” Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

SENDING

***Closing Hymn:** #12 - “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Benediction Song:** 11:00 am—“Go Now In Peace” Don Besig

Postlude: “Reflection on 911”
Jim Moore, Organist
Sacred Harmony Melody